May 1, 1956

Mr. Robert W. Hudgens
President
International Development Services, Inc.
1270 Avenue of the Americas
New York 20, New York

Dear Pete:

When I got this letter I sat down and wrote Mr. R. C. Gibbs. I had not known that that was required also. Will you sit down and write the man a letter and tell him George is a good egg. You well know that you must explain in detail how or why he is a good egg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Ltr dtd 4/28/56
from Miss N. Jorgensen
for the Admissions
Committee

May 1, 1956

RHA:

I am gnawed at by your statement that Texas in its last payment for New South was quite possibly failing to pay for all the members. Please readvise me.

eab/

May 1, 1956

Mr. McClure McCombs
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCombs:

You were courtesy, hospitality, and companionship itself to me in my most pleasant stay at Bennett, and I am deeply grateful to you.

And please do drop here and there, as is most justly due, my warm appreciation to all the others who were so kind.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. If you will write me the name and address of Miss Reese from South Carolina, I will let my South Carolina Council on Human Relations know that a thoughtful Mademoiselle is graduating into the state.

May 1, 1956

Sister Micheles
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Sister Micheles:

I am honored to be asked to have a part in the meeting at Our Lady of the Hills Camp, which begins on July 15th. I will be on hand pretty much all the day of Tuesday, July 17th, and will be prepared to make my speech at 3:00 in the afternoon of that day.

Bishop Waters is most gracious to me, and I am appreciative.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 1, 1956

Mr. John Hope
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

The Highlander people are hollering for the letter. The draft I sent you is bum. How about a speed-up of a better one?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 1, 1956

Mr. R. C. Gibbs
Chairman
Admissions Committee
The Cosmos Club
2120 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

I write as sponsor for the name of George Cashel Stoney proposed by Mr. R. W. Hudgens and myself.

I have known George Stoney devotedly for ten years, and off and on for ten before that.

His father was a Church of England parson, resident in Ireland, who came over to this country years back. I think the father was no great shakes as a parson and the numerous youngsters were brought up in circumstances cultivated but poor. The longest and last place of settlement was Winston Salem, N. C. George got himself up to the University of North Carolina in its bravest days, and caught there the glow of reasonable, workable, aid to his fellow man which then pervaded the UNC. Freshly out of the University he picked up a job with the old Farm Security Administration, travelling about to meetings of impoverished farmers with a movie. Some kind of educational movie. George was sensitive to the relationship between mechanised education and plain people.

Some years of that and a better job or two in the informational line and he was caught up in World War II. They put him with the Air Force stationed for a good run of months not too far from Oxford, England. He got in a couple of terms at Oxford, and he courted successfully the daughter of a distinguished professor and fetched her back with him to this country.

He put in a couple of years I believe being second in command and first in energy in a rather clumsy consolidation called The Southern Educational Film Production Service. The purpose of this I believe was to have quite conservative officials issue stimulating movies. When the strains began to grow within it George picked up a Fellowship to go abroad and study the documentary movie, and put himself under the great man in the field -- one Grierson.

Came back over here and did some more movies inside or outside that Southern Educational Film Production Service. I forget which. A splendid thing done in Mississippi to teach timorous Negro persons that treatment of venereal disease was quick and easy. A most sensitive one done in North Georgia to show the contrast between the affectionate and the abusive way to bring up a child. One to whoop up public libraries in North Carolina. One to make Florida take care of its trees. And others that I have never seen.

Some years back he began to do them for a consortium of medical colleges. There he got into realms that I cannot enter, and I don't know what the movies were about -- I think hearts and innards and operations.

More lately he is in business for himself. That is a most risky business and few and choice are those who in it achieve steady use and a sound income. And George does both. All of which merely says that George is successful in a strange profession.

I suppose he is successful because of his character. He is gentle, practical, inventive, capable of most delicate perceptions, and given to spurts of creativeness that run for hour after hour. A pleasant companion. I never saw any vice in him and I don't think he has any. Financially responsible, happily married, and a man to grow.

I find it hard to fit Stoney's talent into the categories of distinction set forth in the Club's rules. But he is clearly extraordinarily distinguished and cultivated, and I think a most fitting member for the Club.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

AIRMAIL

May 1, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Harry:

Enclosed are two letters (with enclosures) which I have drafted and sent to Marion Wright for his consideration. On further reflection, it seemed to us that he was the logical person to sign.

In the event that he feels otherwise or chooses to revise either or both of the letters, I will let you know.

If, from your point of view, there is anything egregiously wrong with the proposed communication, give me a call.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
encs.

May 1, 1956

Reservations Clerk
Fort Sumter Hotel
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

Please reserve a single room for the nights of May 8th and 9th for Mr. George S. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell will be arriving at the Charleston airport around 9:20 p.m. on the night of May 8th, checking out the afternoon of May 10th.

We would appreciate receiving a confirmation of this reservation. We would also appreciate it if you would mark the reservation for late arrival.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to
Mr. George S. Mitchell

eab/

May 1, 1956

United States Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

You sent me a form April 19th re application of Otis S. Johnson for a position as Management Intern. What I can recall about Mr. Johnson is no great amount, but perhaps helpful.

We had a little Foundation money for making a study of court records in certain selected counties with a view to establishing whether sentences, as meted out to white and Negro persons for similar offenses, were comparable or dissimilar.

One of our friends on the faculty at Haverford volunteered to get us six young men who would make the inquiries. Otis Johnson was one of them.

We picked him up in pay status on June 4, 1954, and he went out of pay status on June 30, 1954. We paid him a total salary of $60.00 plus travel and per diem.

It is a little easier to remember him than the others because he had been on the job at Winston Salem, North Carolina only a few days when he came down with the mumps. I happened into Winston Salem at the time and made various financial arrangements about him with the hospital. And I had occasion to be in touch with his widowed mother, whom I subsequently had some professional association with, as she is Secretary of a human relations agency in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Johnson performed his work in a praiseworthy manner for the few days he was at it. And he behaved otherwise in his relationship to us, respectfully soberly, and well.

That is about all I know, and it is all to his credit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Qualifications inquiry returned

May 1, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed are copies of two adverse items from the Greensboro Daily News put out by the pro-segregationists in connection with a recent appearance there by Dr. Mitchell. The news story on the Patriots' statement was put out in abbreviated form by the Associated Press.

In view of the prominence given to these attacks on the Southern Regional Council, we felt that some kind of answer was probably called for. I have drafted a possible letter for publication and a covering letter to the Editor, not for publication, which mildly points out that we would have appreciated a chance to comment at the time.

Since we felt that you as President would be the most logical signer, I have prepared these letters that way. However, feel free to disagree on this point, or to redraft the letters in any way you wish. I suggest that the copies of the two newspaper items and the mimeographed memorandum accompany whatever you send to the Editor.

I am taking the liberty of sending copies of the enclosed to Harry Jones with an explanation of the basis on which they are sent to you. If you redraft one or both of the letters, please send copies to me and I will pass on to Jones.

I will look forward to your reaction to these suggestions.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:e
encs.

May 1, 1956

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

I have written to the Fort Sumter Hotel to ask for a room for me on May 9th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 1, 1956

Miss Louise Blackham
Civic Unity Committee
Arcade Building
Seattle, Washington

Dear Louise:

I am coming out to the West Coast to speak to Ed Howden's Civic Unity Council in San Francisco and the American Civil Liberties Union in Southern California. My way out to the West Coast is being paid by them. This raises an interesting question. I would be glad to fly up to Seattle to speak to any group you might have there. The cost involved to you would be my round-trip transportation from San Francisco to Seattle and back. The dates available would be May 26 and 27.

I am speaking to the other groups on the topic "Changing Patterns in the South," or "Desegregation Comes to Dixie." This will be a first-hand report on what is happening across the depth and breadth of the South as it meets the challenge of the Supreme Court decision.

I hope that the information I sent you back in February for the talk before the students at the Lincoln Day program was helpful.

Please let me hear from you on this matter as quickly as possible.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

May 2, 1956

Mr. O. A. Knight
President
Oil, Chemical and Atomic
Workers International Union
AFL-CIO
P. O. Box 2812
Denver 1, Colorado

Dear Mr. Knight:

We are still hoping that when your Executive Board meets it will want to help the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by GSM/signed in his absence

May 2, 1956

Mr. Vinton E. Ziegler
58 Barrow Street
New York 14, New York

Dear Mr. Ziegler:

I have been away and am only just back to your kind letter of April 19th.

The Fellowship of Southern Churchmen may be reached directly through their Secretary, Mr. Howard Kester at Black Mountain, North Carolina. They are a devoted body of white and Negro persons, mostly ministers, but with a sprinkling of good laymen. They meet once a year and oftener sometimes. Earnest devoted people who have the right of it. But the band of people who have the right of it is small and the voice of the band is slight. But write to Buck Kester and he will give you the straight of it.

I do not recall now what Faulkner said. The business about fighting for Mississippi against the rest of the United States was poppycock. I am aware that Faulkner has since differed with his alleged transcriber. Generally speaking, I don't see much that is worth keeping in this be-praised Southern way of life. It seems to me cruel and lacking in dignity and in morality. And Faulkner, I think, said a white man ought to fight for what he takes to be Southern values.

I think there are a lot of people around who will resist change. With some of them I have some sympathy, but the thing to do is to get on with the business of effecting change where it is workable and of pushing in the difficult spots a knowledge of the workability and acceptability of change.

I am but fidgety in New York as you found out.

Come to see us in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by GSM/signed in his absence

May 2, 1956

Mr. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council met in Atlanta April 20-21. Among other items of business they proceeded to the choice of two persons to fill the two vacancies on the Executive Committee. One vacancy arose when last November Dr. McDowell Richards at Wake Forest, who was chosen to be on the Executive Committee, said he did not want to serve. And I have forgotten how the other vacancy arose, but it has been a vacancy a long time.

Here is a list of the members of the Executive Committee. Here is a list of members of the Board.

Various of us on the staff and on the Executive Committee thought it right to get on to the Executive Committee persons who would represent the point of view of the state organizations which SRC assists. Wherefore the Executive Committee chose for the two vacancies yourself, as the Chairman of a state organization, and Mr. B. R. Brazeal Dean of Morehouse, as the elected representative of a state organization.

Membership on the Executive Committee means that you ought to try to get over to the meetings which occur every three months or thereabouts. You wouldn't have to get to all of them in a year, but the more you get to the more we like it. Expenses are paid. The next meeting I believe will be on St. Helena's Island in South Carolina July 20-21.

We are respectful of the hebdomadal cycle of ministers and try to schedule our Committee meetings so as not to interfere.

We all greatly hope that you can take on this responsibility.

'Tis no great addition in time or worry. But it is the central governing body of the Council between the annual meetings of the Board. And the staff behaves itself and does what the Executive Committee says.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. - List of Exec. Com.
List of Bd. Members.

cc: GSA

May 2, 1956

Mr. Joseph F. Haas
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council met April 20-21 in Atlanta. They did themselves the honor of electing you to be General Counsel to the Southern Regional Council as successor to Mr. Leonard Haas. We all greatly hope that you will consent to serve.

Here is a list of the members of the Board and of the members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council.

Mr. Leonard Haas has been our wise and devoted friend for more than twenty-five years. We will be grateful for each succeeding meeting of the Committee that might have your presence and judgment.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by GSM/signed in his absence.
Encl: List of Exec. Com. members
List of Board of Directors
cc: GSA

May 2, 1956

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Leonard:

The meeting of the Executive Committee on April 20-21 elected Mr. Joseph Haas to be General Counsel to the Southern Regional Council. We have written Mr. Haas and asked him to be kind enough to serve in that capacity. I had some personal assurance from him two weeks ago that he would be willing so to serve.

I declare I hate to push together the covers which bind the fluttering leaves of the occasions stretched over all these years when you have put devotion, courage, wisdom, learning, and sacrifice into the Southern Regional Council. As long as I live I will cherish each leaf.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Dr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

cc: MAW

May 2, 1956

Mr. Whitney Young
Atlanta University
School of Social Work
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Whitney:

They wrote us about that business in Oklahoma, and I wrote them that they might be able to tempt over to it our people from Little Rock (Arkansas Council on Human Relations). But I have simply stopped going to places unless people pay the travel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by GSM/signed in his absence

May 2, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Ruby:

Thanks for your note about Judge Brady. We will add this to our collection of personal data on the gentlemen of the resistance movement.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

May 3, 1956

Mrs. James S. Crate, Chairman
Texas Commission on Race Relations
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 9, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

We received here in the central office some time ago a copy of a letter to you from Allen Robert Desmond regarding some complaints he felt against Mr. Holbert of your staff.

Long experience has taught us that there are two sides to every question and that it doesn't pay to accept at face value the complaints of any one individual, but naturally we would like to know the straight of it.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

May 3, 1956

Mr. William G. Shannon, Executive Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Bill:

When you sent us the material on the Encampment for Citizenship you included only five copies of the education program (mimeographed sheet). We would like to have twenty more copies at your earliest convenience.

You did send a sufficient number of application blanks and the printed pamphlets which we are mailing to each of our State organizations. Enclosed is a copy of our memo to the State organizations explaining the Encampment.

Once more I thank you very much for the privilege of having the Southern Regional Council award these ten scholarships.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef
Encl.

May 3, 1956

Mr. Willis Mack Fitzpatrick, Jr.
1075 Third Street
Salem, Oregon

Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

Ralph McGill sent me over your letter just today. I note, as McGill has noted, that you needed the information by April 25th. I have college young'uns myself and I know that nothing is deader than a theme turned in.

Howsomever, I am a plodder and I tread out an answer:

(1) Read the book I am mailing called The Strange Career of Jim Crow.

(2) See pages 12 and 13 of Changing Patterns.

(3) Roughly two million whites, one million Negros.

(4) Hatred is rare, disregard is common.

(5) Immense.

(6) Everybody. Mostly prosperity.

(7) Dig up in your library recent issues of the Journal of Negro Education published at Howard University, Washington, D. C.

(8) Of course the white people pay a majority of the taxes. But Negro people pay heavily in the sales taxes and as a concealed item in their rents.

(9) An education -- no. The best available education -- assuredly yes.

(10) A good many church publications have been decent. Our Southern Regional Council maggie called New South tells the truth.

If you can, you should send us about $1.00 for the publications and the postage.

My apologies for having been so slow, but not my fault.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
The Strange Career of Jim Crow
Changing Patterns in the New South
New South, Sept. thru Nov. '55
Jan., Feb., & Apr. '56

cc: RHA

May 3, 1956

Mr. Robert W. Hudgens
International Development Services, Inc.
1270 Avenue of the Americas
New York 20, New York

Dear Pete:

What I had to go on in building the answer to the questionnaire was the enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: Resume of Info from
George Stoney dtd
3/27/56

May 3, 1956

HCF:

I think that ~~Carl~~ Bill Harrison showed me this item when I was in Washington. I said publish it. It had an appendix or two which I down-thumbed, and they did the same.

GSM/eab
Encl: New Republic article "Notes on the South," and ltr from Hellen Fuller dtd 5/1/56

May 3, 1956

RHA:

Please take action correcting the Minutes of the meeting of January 20-21, '56 on page 7 to accord with the correction made early in the meeting of April 20-21, '56, which change deleted the language on page 7 of the January Minutes("A suit in the name of SRC is not likely to succeed. It could not be maintained.").

eab/

May 3, 1956

GSA:

When you come to constructing and instructing the Nominating Committee which will make a report to the annual meeting in November, '56, dig up the minutes of April 20-21, '56. They will show that the Executive Committee acting, in GSM's judgment, with dubious authority elected to its own membership Brazeal and Duncan Hunter. When, therefore, the Nominating Committee gets around to making nominations for membership on the Executive Committee it will have to decide whether it wishes to confirm the questionably valid election by the Executive Committee.

One assumes that it ~~was~~ will be confirmed, but one dutifully puts the problem.

May 3, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I am to take some part in this Institute on June 6, 7, and 8. Mr. Lantz who got it up is anxious for maximum attendance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Under separate cover:
20 copies of Ecumenical Institute program

GSM/eab

May 3, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Lionel Arnold
College Pastor
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Above riches we value devotion.

Most Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $10.00

May 3, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Hollis Price
President
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Hollis:

EAL got me on their flight 367 which leaves Atlanta at 5:55 p.m., and hits Memphis airport at 7:06 tomorrow, Friday night.

I think you should be at home with your comfortable dinner instead of batting around at the airport hunting for me. So, I assume you will not be at the airport and I will get myself to your door.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I am to take some part in this Institute on June 6, 7, and 8. Mr. Lants who got it up is anxious for maximum attendance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
20 copies of Ecumenical Institute program

May 3, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I am to take some part in this Institute on June 6, 7, and 8. Mr. Lantz who got it up is anxious for maximum attendance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
20 copies of Ecumenical Institute program.

May 3, 1956

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Room 206 Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I am to take some part in this Institute on June 6, 7, and 8. Mr. Lantz who got it up is anxious for maximum attendance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
20 copies of Ecumenical Institute program.

May 3, 1956

Miss Willa B. Player
President
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Miss Player:

I am very grateful indeed to you and to Bennett College and to the many friends I found there for warm kindness and interest last week. And many thanks to you for the check, which greatly helps us all.

Nothing does as much good in the world as a good college.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1956

Mr. B. Bernarr Vance
5 Treasure Lane
St. Petersburg 6, Florida

Dear Mr. Vance:

I have your letter of April 24th, and I am prepared to answer it, but I don't see much for me to answer.

I rather think that if you will pressure whatever avenues Loescher opened you will be pleased.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1956

Mr. Guy Wells
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wells:

I put the matter of payment of the unpaid balance of the lawyer's fee before the Executive Committee at their meeting April 20th. They had a pretty full discussion of the matter. Some were initially for and some against. Arguments brought to the fore were: the propriety of using tax-exempt money for payment of an attorney's fee under the approximate circumstances of this instance; the feeling that the Council should be willing to stand behind this action publicly (when as a matter of fact various members of the Committee doubted the propriety of such payment); and the unwelcomeness of a precedent for the Southern Regional Council's being chargable for whatever, or some portion of whatever, legal expenses might be incurred by state staff in defense of themselves or their organizations when attacked.

At the conclusion of the discussions, the Committee voted that they would not assume the obligation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 3, 1956

Dr. Louis Killian
Department of Sociology
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Lou:

Here is the dope on the state by state survey of Negro suffrage which we are now ready to launch. I would appreciate your looking it over and letting me know a) whether you feel you could take on the direction of the Florida study; and b) if not, whom would you recommend as the best qualified person for us to approach.

I remember that when we talked briefly in Atlanta about this, you suggested a political scientist as a logical man. But I hope after reading over the description and outline of the project, you will feel that you can take it on yourself. It seems to me that this is the kind of project in which a good generalist who understands action-research and who cares about the subject is preferable to the specialist in the given discipline. Incidentally, I have cleared with John Hope, so there is no ethical question about my approaching you on this.

I will look forward to hearing from you. Meanwhile, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
encs.

May 3, 1956

Dr. Wayne Kernodle
Department of Sociology
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Kernodle:

Nick Demerath has suggested that you might be available and willing to assist us in a southwide survey of Negro suffrage that we are about to get under way.

Enclosed are two pieces of material which describe the project and outline the findings which we are after. I am also sending separately two past issues of our publication New South which dealt with the subject.

After you have looked this material over, would you let me know whether you can consider assuming the responsibility for the Virginia part of the study? I very much hope that you can.

If the enclosed memoranda leave any questions unanswered, I shall be glad to clear them up promptly. I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
enc.

May 3, 1956

Mr. William K. Wyant
St. Louis Post Dispatch
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for the very workmanlike set of findings for our desegregation survey. We are very pleased with them. I will look forward to such further findings that you may uncover.

Odom couldn't undertake the Kansas City effort himself but is supposed to be getting it done for me through some of his friends there. I hope it pans out.

Don't forget when you write me next to give me some accounting of your time spent on the project. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

May 3, 1956

Dr. Tilman C. Cothran, Chairman
Department of Sociology
Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Cothran:

At last, we are about ready to get started on a state by state survey of Negro suffrage in the south. The enclosed memoranda describe the project pretty completely. I'm also sending separately two past issues of New South which dealt with the subject.

If there are questions that are not adequately covered in the memoranda, I will be glad to clear them up promptly. Otherwise, I hope you will write me that you will assume the responsibility for the survey in Arkansas. I'm in hopes that the Arkansas study may be completed more quickly and easily than those of some of the more difficult states, but I will await your opinion on that.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
encs.

May 3, 1956

Dr. Louis Kesselman
Department of Political Science
University of Louisiana
Louisiana, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Kesselman:

C. H. Parrish tells me that he has discussed our fact-finding plans with you and that you have indicated your willingness to work with us.

Enclosed are two memoranda describing a Southwide study of voting which we are now ready to get under way.

After you have read this material, will you let me know if you can undertake the Kentucky part of the study on the terms described? I very much hope that you can.

As you will see, some of the points emphasized in the study outline are mainly applicable to the deep southern states and have little or no relevance to the Kentucky situation. I should hope that the study in Kentucky might be completed with a good deal more ease, speed and lack of expense than in some of the more difficult states.

I am sending you separately two past publications of the Council which dealt with the subject of Negro suffrage. You will note that Kentucky was omitted from both. Therefore, if it is possible at this late date to find figures on Negro registration for 1940, 1947, and 1952 that will help make the Kentucky report comparable to those from the other states.

If there is anything that the memoranda does not adequately cover, I will be glad to clear it up promptly. I shall look forward to hearing from you. Meanwhile kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
encs.

May 3, 1956

Mr. John Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Ga.

Here is an outline on the mechanics of the voting project which I'm sending to prospective chief consultants in the twelve states.

Also two past issues of New South on suffrage which I'm sending for general background.

encs.

May 3, 1956

Professor O. D. Duncan
Department of Sociology
Oklahoma A. and M. College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Professor Duncan:

Some information on integration in Oklahoma has come to our attention since Mr. Fleming wrote you. If this is not covered in the report being sent the Council, would it be possible to find out if the following are accurate and if they occurred since May 1954.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Catholic Hospital and the Veterans Administration Hospital employ Negroes as medical technicians, research chemists, and nurses.

Negro patients are accepted and served without discrimination at the Catholic Hospital, Crippled Children's Hospital, Children's Convalescent Hospital and Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

Two Negroes are on staff of Nursing School of University Hospital.

There is no discrimination in cafeteria and restrooms of the state capitol.

There is no discrimination in seating and use of facilities of municipal auditorium.

Seating in intrastate transportation is unsegregated.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 3, 1956

Mr. J. Phillip Waring
Executive Director
Jacksonville Urban League
610 W. Duval Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Waring:

Your report on integration in the Jacksonville area was very helpful, and we were glad to learn of the progress there. I'd be grateful if you could clarify one or two points.

Have the Negroes who are working at Jacksonville Naval Air Station been employed since May 1954 or does the integration since 1954 apply to use of facilities? Would it be possible to get the number, if not the names, of the large insurance companies who've employed Negro agents since May 1954? Has the integration of Negro ward leaders and local political representatives been within the Democratic Party, rather than the Republican Party? How many CIO unions have integrated since May 1954, and does this refer to membership, meetings, and use of union facilities?

Thank you very much for the information sent us.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 4, 1956

Miss Almita S. Robinson
American Friends Service Committee
Job Opportunities Project for Minorities
2600 Flora Street
Dallas 4, Texas

Dear Miss Robinson:

Thank you for the additional information on placements since May 1954. Would it be possible to determine which of these are jobs Negroes have been placed in. The present listing seemingly includes Latin Americans as well as Negroes.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 4, 1956

Mr. Ralph J. Andrews, Director
North Carolina Recreation Commission
Education Building Annex - Room 134
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Andrews:

Dr. A. E. Weatherford suggested that I write you for information on improvements in recreation in North Carolina.

The Southern Regional Council wishes to learn of new services and facilities that have been made available to Negroes since May 1954. We would appreciate it if you would tell us if there have been any positive changes in North Carolina in the field of recreation since that date. If there are facilities which have been opened to Negroes so that use is now biracial, please tell us of these.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 4, 1956

Mr. D. Eldred Rinehart, Chairman
Republican State Central Committee
of Maryland
1112 Fidelity Building
Baltimore 1, Maryland

Dear Mr. Rinehart:

Thank you for your recent letter. While May 1954 is the starting date for our present survey, it is good to know that progress in Maryland was previously underway.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 4, 1956

Mr. Harold A. Odom
Racial Relations Officer
Fort Worth Regional Office
300 West Vickery Boulevard
Room 200
Fort Worth 4, Texas

Dear Mr. Odum:

Thank you for your letter of April 18th.

Mr. Beckett's report was very helpful.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 4, 1956

Mr. Perry A. Taylor
Executive Secretary
The Urban League of
Greater Little Rock
914 Gaines Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of April 26th. We requested your help because we thought the Urban League might have had more information on integration than the Arkansas Council. In view of the full program of the Council, Mr. Fleming thinks we should not ask you or Mr. Mercer to conduct a survey at this time.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 4, 1956

Mr. S. W. Miller
State and Finance Chairman
Republican Party of Mississippi
539 North Farish Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you very much for the information on Negro participation in Mississippi's Republican Party.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 4, 1956

Mr. Val Washington
Director of Minorities
Republican National Committee
1625 Eye Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Washington:

Thank you so much for taking time, in the midst of a very busy week with Republican committeemen, to talk with me recently. The leads you gave me, and the use of the library, where I could obtain names of committmen in the South, were helpful.

The Council survey of all instances of integration in the 12 Southern states and the five border states since the May, 1954, Supreme Court school decision is progressing nicely. Unfortunately, I have not been able to pin down the postal situation--the upgrading and promotion of Negroes to supervisory positions you mentioned. Mr. Brookshire was tied up on the Hill the week I was in Washington. If you possibly could give us further information on this, including approximate dates and the number involved, it would be much appreciated by all of us here.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 4, 1956

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Assistant Secretary of Defense
Room 3A 914
Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

It was good to talk to you on my recent trip to Washington. You were most kind to take so much time to explain recent changes in schools on military posts in the South.

Needless to say, the information you gave will be a valuable part of the survey the Council is doing on integration in the area since the May, 1954, Supreme Court school decision.

All here join me in saying thank you and sending warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 4, 1956

Miss Jerry Askwith
Apt. 523
2500 Que Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jerry:

Thanks so much for sending the clippings, which arrived today. None had been spotted here and so were much appreciated. I entered the information from the Maryland and Texas clips immediately. Needless to say, if you see any more such, we'd like to have them.

Some new information continues to come in daily, but the bulk of it, of course, is in now.

See you in Washington.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 4, 1956

Mr. Clarence Mitchell
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
100 Massachusetts Ave.
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thanks so much for putting me in touch with Mr. T.G. Nutter and Mr. Willard Brown in Charleston, W.Va. Both were extremely helpful when I visited there last week seeking information for the Council survey on integration in the past two years. Mr. Brown, for example, gave me an up-to-the-minute picture of the school situation in West Virginia obtainable nowhere else.

I enjoyed seeing Mrs. Mitchell, but will write to her also today.

Would you please thank Mr. Polhaus for his assistance the day I visited your office?

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 4, 1956

William Korey
Anti-Defamation League
Room 705
1003 K St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Korey:

Thanks so much for all the help when I was in Washington recently seeking information for the Council survey on integration in the past two years. Also, will you please relay my thanks to the two girls who were so nice about going through your clippings and files for me--a time-consuming job, I know.

It was a rewarding visit and any number of things were turned up which I have found nowhere else

I hope to see you again in Washington.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 4, 1956

Mrs. Clarence Mitchell
1239 Druid Hill Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

It was so nice meeting you recently and I did enjoy our lunch together. I'm sorry I'm a little late in writing to you but after Baltimore there were trips to West Virginia and Delaware and I did not return to Atlanta until this week.

You were most helpful, as was Dr. Templeton at the Urban League. I'm so sorry I did not get to talk with your mother. In fact, I would like to have spent much more time in Baltimore but my visit, though brief was most rewarding. So much seems to be happening in Maryland!

Thank you and I hope to see you again.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 4, 1956

Mr. Edward Johns
Secretary, Baltimore AFL Council
1216 East Baltimore Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Johns:

Thank you for your cooperation on my recent visit to Baltimore, where I was seeking information for the Council survey on integration.

I wish you the best of luck on the forthcoming merger and hope all goes smoothly.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 4, 1956

Dr. Furman Templeton
Director, Urban League
2404 Pennsylvania Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Doctor Templeton:

Thank you so much for all the help you gave me when I was in Baltimore recently seeking information for the Council survey on integration in the past two years. Again, I want to apologize for taking so much of your time on such short-notice. My only other worry, after talking to you, was that you had added so much to our report that Baltimore might completely dominate the survey!

Will you also thank the other members of your staff, please?

All here have found the various reports you gave me most interesting and encouraging.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 4, 1956

Mr. Art Carter
Managing Editor
Afro -American
628 Eutaw Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you so much for your help on my recent trip to Baltimore to seek information on integration in the South and border states in the past two years.

The information you gave was most helpful and all here join me in saying thanks for your cooperation.

Also, would you please relay my appreciation to Mrs. MacKay, who was so patient and efficient in helping me in the library?

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 4, 1956

AIRMAIL

Mrs. Erol Gumrukcu
1158 Hilltop Road
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Gumrukcu:

I was glad to get the call last night from Odom Fanning and to find that you have agreed to assist us in our survey on desegregation. Enclosed is a copy of Bill Wyant's initial report on St. Louis; he is to send us further items which require more time and digging to get. As I believe I told you, Bill deliberately included some background and general discussion which go beyond the needs of the survey, in order that we might understand the situation better.

You will find, I think, that the most difficult information to get is the exact date on which a given instance of desegregation took place. It is essential, of course, that we determine whether the specific changes in question took place before or after May 17, 1954. Further, our survey includes Missouri but not Kansas.

I suggest that you follow Wyant's example and send us your information in installments if that is practicable. That is, once you have collected the information that is readily available through central sources, you might send that along for us to process and later follow up with those items that require more time and effort to pin down.

For the record, we agreed that you will be remunerated at the rate of $35 per working day or its equivalent, plus any necessary expenses incurred by the survey. We also agreed on May 14th as the closing date for the fact-finding. Please send with your final report, an accounting of your time spent on the survey.

Mrs. Erol Gumrukcu

May 4, 1956

I appreciate your taking on this job at such short notice and I am sure your findings will be of much help to us. You will, of course, receive a copy of the publication that results from this survey.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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enc.

P. S. We have extracted the information we needed from Wyant's report, but I will appreciate your returning the original to us when it has served your purpose.

May 4, 1956

Mrs. Gilbert Harrison
3556 Macomb Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

Ben Segal quite rightly sent you on our project in the form as laid before the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. I add some items about it.

Also, I state that for set purposes I shall be happening into Washington all day Tuesday, May 8th, and will let Ben Segal know where I am so that if there should be any occasion to put questions at me I will be available.

One beauty of this one is that it has had a goodish trial run and it has proved that it works. I could add to the other state meetings a quite recent one in South Carolina that similarly started people thinking about how to do the job.

Two other things we have to say and they are a little hard to get into words. Very important point that this device taps (and accustoms Southern people to the tapping) the best Negro brains. You well know that without such careful pre-contriving all the social science advice would be white and less keenly informed.

The other thing is a matter of evoking responsible community compliance with community-analyses made in camera. I never describe this matter without feeling at my back the ghost of its trade union side. The humblest union people are wise to fight like tigers for the right to be represented at bargaining sessions by persons of their own choosing. They need experts! So do Negro parents in many a Southern community. And you can't ask the local Negro school teachers. They wear harness.

In this transition the South is going to need persons who can be fully trusted by everyday Negro people to go into conferences with the local powers-that-be and come out with the most forward agreement practicable.

Here is the machinery that builds such a category of persons. And notice that it accustoms local school people to dealing with these able Negro social scientists. Almost always whenever there is a problem of sweeping change it is wisest to go about the change bit by bit, place by place. This is the instrument for discovering how to do it.

See what you have got: influential lay people in close and reasoning contact with the keenest students of the subject. Almost certainly out of this little furnace will come some superb practicioner of the art of unsegregating schools; and some persuasive ~~argumentation~~ and very probably a couple of good books.

One last argument; the thing grew up natively.

We shall be needing to run along to the end of this calendar year some such sum as in the letter before you, but the immediate problem is June and July, when on present budgets we would have to pull back this cutting edge of change.

If the new Foundation will stretch a point and see what it can do we will be exceedingly grateful.

We are fully tax-exempt as evidence the enclosed letter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 7, 1956

Philip Horton
The Reporter
136 East 57th Street
New York 22, N.Y.

COPY MAILED AIR SPECIAL LAST NIGHT. SHOULD ARRIVE TODAY. REGARDS.

HAROLD FLEMING

May 4, 1956

Mr. George Stoney
1832 Biltmore Street, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear George:

I note what you say about Irene Osborne and notes from Nick Read and some scurrying around about some film on this matter.

I have a right helpful thing going that would be worth some frames in the film.

A Negro guy named Parrish works with us. He came up, a year or so ago with a scheme for hooking together mainly Negro social scientists and influential lay people on our state organizations' boards. Behind that he proposed to hook together the technicians and influential local people, including some public school officials. Truth is that our state outfit fishes up through all the layers of Southern society keen Negro brains from Fisk or A.U. or Dillard and Howard (along with some white ones), and puts them at the point of community mental growth. The darn thing works!

John Hope at Fisk runs it, as some sort of head consultant. He has a staff of eighteen or twenty available consultants and he shoos them around to where trouble is.

I should think one of his meetings showing interchange between perplexed local dignitaries and sensitive, keen, persuaded Negro technicians would be dramatic and instructive.

I turn you loose at John Hope.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 4, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

For Ben Sissell, who runs social behave-yourself part of the (Northern) Presbyterian Church (out of Philadelphia), I am to be in Charleston at a meeting of that Church's parsons and some lay people on May 9 and 10.

You will understand that the local S.C. Churches of that denominational group are without exception Negro (as they stem from the action of their Presbytery in 1867 or so in ordaining a freedman of great eloquence but no special learning). Most of the persons have some link with Johnson C. Smith University at Charlotte.

I believe the local man on Calhoun Street in Charleston has matters more or less in charge. I'll stay the night of the 9th at the Fort Sumter (if they grant me space).

Glad to do any Charleston chores for you, but am not begging for them!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 4, 1956

Mr. Joseph Haas
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

The President of the Council, Mr. Marion A. Wright, has addressed to me a letter on a point requiring legal scrutiny.

I state first the problem out of which the matter arises. Mr. Guy Wells, Executive Director of the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, as you will recall had his title of President Emeritus of GSCW removed by the Board of Regents, and the State Board of Education simultaneously moved against his right to be in receipt of pension from the state. After seeking informal legal advice and after conference with myself and other staff persons within the SRC, he engaged for his defense the services of a Decatur attorney. The Decatur attorney put time and effort into the defense and the Retirement Board held that the State Board of Education had no power to proceed against the pension. Subsequently Mr. Wells was billed an attorney's fee which seemed quite reasonable to all concerned. Some two-thirds of this fee was forthwith paid to the attorney by the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation. Mr. Wells then approached the Southern Regional Council through me to see whether it would care to pay the remaining third of the fee.

I put the matter before the Executive Committee of SRC (at its meeting April 20-21) and the Executive Committee said it would not care to assume the obligation. Some of the matters discussed were: the problem of tax-exemption; the precedent involved; the question of whether some portion of the cost of defense was not properly personal; and the ex post facto quality in the request. But the Executive Committee meeting in Executive Session evidentally thought the precedent was unduly tight. And the President of SRC informs me that at the Executive Session it was proposed to take the following action at the next (July) meeting of the Executive Committee, subject to the approval meanwhile of Counsel:

A letter would be addressed, presumably by the president, to all staff members of the central office stating that, without conceding any liability or legal obligation on the part of SRC, if a staff member, because of his connection with this organization or activities in its behalf, should become legally involved to the point that he felt he should have counsel, he should submit his problem to the Executive Committee in advance of employment of counsel. The Executive Committee would then take such action as it felt proper under the circumstances.

A similar letter would go to staff members of all state affiliates with the qualification that the agrieved member should submit his problem to the state Executive Committee, which, after consideration, would refer the matter to Atlanta with its recommendation.

The suggested procedure should be followed in all cases except where an emergency made it impossible to secure action by our Executive Committee in advance of employment of counsel.

In further elucidation of the matter, the President of the Southern Regional Council writes:

For your information, the Committee felt that if a staff member in the discharge of his duties and acting with proper discretion, should be set upon by the law, we should like to be of all help possible to him in the circumstances. However, we can see that a staff member might sometimes act with such indiscretion that we would not feel the same sense of responsibility. Also, the question may always arise as to whether his action was one done in the course of his employment or was his own personal enterprise. These contigencies seem to make it inadvisable to make the bald statement of policy that we will or will not help under certain circumstances.

I would be extremely grateful if you would give us your advice as to whether the proposal made above (mainly the language beginning "a letter should be addressed," through "employment of counsel,") if adopted as procedure would be legally approved.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 4, 1956

Reservations Clerk
Fort Sumter Hotel
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

I wrote you the other day and asked you to hold a room for me for the nights of May 8th and 9th.

I have changed plans and shan't be needing a room for the night of the 8th, but shall be needing a room the night of the 9th, and would be grateful for your holding room for me the night of the 9th. I will be arriving by train the morning of the 9th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 4, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I have written to Mr. Joseph Haas and submitted the proposal from your letter of April 23rd.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 7, 1956

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I spent Saturday, May 5th, in Memphis in a Conference on race relations for Memphis and Shelby Counties held at LeMoyne College. Remarkably good people there.

Probably the outstanding member of the Conference was a white lawyer named Grider. I am separated from the program and can't tell you more about it. I believe someone told me that he was with a firm of lawyers of which one Bush is the senior partner.

Now there's a man who is informed, effective, courageous, and bright. I thought you probably collect knowledge of such people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy to: Mr. Lucius Pitts
GSA

May 7, 1956

Mr. J. Rupert Picott
Executive Secretary
Virginia Teachers Association
Clay Street at Fourth
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Picott:

I would like to revive for some real action a proposal that has floated around some once or twice in the past but has never moved. The Southern Regional Council would like to ask each of the active teachers associations to put up $250 for SRC.

While we are substantially aided by the Fund for the Republic, that foundation, like all foundations, requires us each year to fetch together a mountain of non-Fund for the Republic income. So fetching it together is a condition-precedent of receiving each successive grant from the Fund for the Republic. Last year the amount was $40,000 and we got it. This year it is $55,000 and we are having a deuce of a time getting it together. Next year, alas, it is even more.

Some of the associations have helped us in the past. Mr. Greene's group in North Carolina has sent us $50.00 every year for quite a while. Mr. Harper in his time made whopping big purchases of pamphlet materials from us. And the Georgia Teachers and Education Association has directly helped the Georgia Interracial Committee.

A couple of years ago, I believe, Harold Fleming went over to the meeting of the ATA in South Carolina, and urged some sort of general effort to put together funds for us.

I think we do a good deal of good state by state for the cause we both further. And it seems only reasonable that we should get that much local help. Will you be so kind as to consider the matter, and if you like it, faithfully to try to push it through? I am sure you will be helped by many of your associates.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 7, 1956

GSA:

I forgot to tell you that Pitts said that all of the Associations will be meeting in Atlanta, at the invitation of Pitts, in July of this year. Obviously that's your place to get it done.

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May 7, 1956

Miss Thelma Stevens, Executive Secretary
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Accepting dates September 27-28. Wire if still possible to you.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Southern Regional Council

May 7, 1956

Occupant
528 William Street
Macon, Georgia

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of May 4, 1956, please write to us again and tell us just which publication or book you are interested in. Enclosed is a publications list.

Incidentally in your letter we would appreciate a signature. You neglected signing your previous letter.

We will be glad to send you any publication listed in the enclosed folders.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:o
encs.

May 7, 1956

Reverend Harold L. Cooper, S. J.
Loyola University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Father Cooper:

Luck is against us in the June 9-11 period. I shall be driving North on some purely family occasion.

The goodish gaps in my calendar are between May 12th and 17th, and May 20th and 23rd, and June 1st and 3rd, and from June 13th to 17th.

If you are a man who jumps about a good deal, I raise the possibility of our being together under leisurely circumstances at a meeting I have agreed to be present for in the neighborhood of Charlottesville, Virginia, May 25th and 26th for the St. Peter Claver Center at Washington. The person in charge is Mr. H. A. Gerrity. All I know is that I am to be there and that it is to be on a farm in Burnley, Virginia.

I am so urgently in favor of your early success that if need be I will come to, or half-way to, New Orleans.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 7, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I think the Minutes of the Atlanta meeting of the Executive Council and a copy of the settlement for release should go to all members of the Executive Council. If you have any strong reason for not wishing it to go to all, I would be willing for it to go to those Council members who were at the Atlanta meeting. But my preference would be for sending it out to all members of the Executive Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 7, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Miserably on May 25th I have to be at Charlottesville, Virginia. Try again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 7, 1956

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
The Wydown School
6500 Wydown Boulevard
Clayton, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Dagen:

Things do shape up some:

I am still due in on the evening of the 17th and to sleep at the Melbourne Hotel.

It has been my experience that high school youngsters don't get much out of the map speech. They are amused and only a little instructed. And it is mainly for that reason rather than the dawning hour that I turned that one down. I take your judgment on what is right and I will do anything you arrange.

Have heard no more from the KETC man and I assume that my tight no-political rule does stick.

I still think it unwise to plan into 1957.

If any alternate Teamster will on your advice visit him; if none no visit.

Evidently the man Brandenburg doesn't want me to make speeches at his people, but the way was open for him to approach you if he did.

Send out any last minute message to me in writing to the Melbourne Hotel and I will ask for anything when I get in.

I intend to pull out Eastward at 5:40 on the 18th.

It is hard for me to get excited about NCCJ, but maybe I should.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 7, 1956
May 7, 1956

GSA:

Obviously Marion has undertaken some money-raising. You will need to keep some record of these efforts and see if they come through.

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May 7, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I do greatly appreciate your various letters to Mr. Iselin and Mr. Dudley and Mr. Morton and Mr. Wheeler and Paul.

More power to thy pen!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: GSA

May 7, 1956

Rev. and Mrs. Tom Smith
Young Harris, Georgia

Dear friends:

I did make it to Clayton without any tire trouble and laid the problem on my husband's shoulders. It was a delightful experience to be with you two in your home and to meet with the student group. I hope I did not get the "blonde boy" too disturbed but I do hope I made him think the Talmadge book was not such a "good" book on segregation.

Under separate cover I am sending you a statement on how the Southern Regional Council came into being and I am sending you some Gleanings from the State workshops I have been holding.

I am deeply grateful to you for the delightful experience you gave to me.

I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

May 7, 1956

Miss Esther C. Stamats, Director
Christian Social Relations
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

Thelma Stevens has given us September 27 and 28 as her available dates for the South-wide workshop on the schools. You might confer with her about this and if she agrees, please, please mark your calendar for the 27th and 28th of September and please don't let anyone take them away from us. We couldn't have it without you.

Under separate cover you will receive the Gleanings from the workshops of South Carolina, Texas and Alabama.

I want you to know that I deeply appreciated the time you gave to me when I was in New York.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Director of Women's Work

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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cc: GSA

May 7, 1956

Miss Dorothy Nyland
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Dorothy:

The playtime I had with you when I was in New York was a delightful experience. I need such interludes in this life of mine in a South that doesn't like the Supreme Court, and keeps me busy trying to make it love it. In your language, thanks a million.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

In a few days the picture of the award and the 1500-word article will be in to the Methodist Woman.

AIRMAIL

May 7, 1956

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Oklahoma Agricultural and
Mechanical College
Department of Sociology and Rural Life
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O. D.:

I have written Mr. Byerly today as enclosed. I hope this clears up all the fussy points.

It was very good of you to go to all this effort to find somebody for us. We are most appreciative.

You will note from my letter to Byerly that he need take no pains about the form or preparation of his findings. All we need are the facts clearly and accurately stated.

Your article was an asset to the last New South.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:c
enc.

May 7, 1956

AIRMAIL

Mr. Benjamin Segal
Trade Union Consultant
1631 K Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

I'm glad we had a chance to talk together Friday. George Mitchell will be in Washington tomorrow, at which time he expects to see you. However, we thought it best that I write you our joint views.

As I said on the telephone, we think well of the Jewish Labor Committee's proposal, assuming that they get the right field workers to do the job. Even if this works out, however, we think we could make effective use of a qualified trade unionist assigned by you to our information project for several months. George Mitchell knows H. L. Mitchell of old and thinks that he is admirably suited to do what needs to be done. Is he a live prospect? If so, and if you can work out an arrangement with him, we would be grateful and would, I think, justify your investment.

I have written Henry Shipherd about my conversation with you and your feeling (which I share) that we ought preferably to get a Southerner for this project. I didn't close the door entirely, and he may come back to you for advice.

I'm returning the Jewish Labor Committee's proposal in case you need it.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:c
enc.

AIRMAIL

May 7, 1956

Mr. William Byerly
337 S. E. 46th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Byerly:

I was pleased to learn from Mr. O. D. Duncan that you are willing to undertake the fact-finding which we need in Oklahoma. I hope the material that Mr. Duncan passed on to you is pretty largely self-explanatory, but if there are questions that the material and this letter don't not clear up, feel free to call me collect at Walnut 7963 or Walnut 1821. As you know, we are working in great haste and with no illusions that we will get a comprehensive picture of desegregation in every one of the categories we have listed. Our object is to get a representative collection of specific instances of desegregation.

What we want and the form in which we want it are really very simple: simply a listing of concrete developments (not policy statements) giving the date as nearly as possible, the place, and a brief summary of who and what was involved. Any background information that helps us to understand the incident better will be helpful and appreciated but is not important enough to warrant extra time digging it out. We are interested in changes that have taken place since May 17, 1954.

I'm enclosing a list of those items for Oklahoma which we already have. This may give you a clearer idea of the kind of thing we are after. Please note that in some cases we lack a date or other essential information. We would appreciate your completing these items for us if possible. Questions of form and presentation are relatively unimportant, since your findings will be incorporated into another manuscript.

Mr. Duncan has no doubt discussed with you the question of timing. It would be helpful to us if you would send along the immediately available

items and supplement them later with information that requires more time to dig out. We hope to wind up the project within about two weeks, and certainly no later than the end of May.

I appreciate your working with us and will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
enc.
CC: Mr. O. D. Duncan

May 7, 1956

AIRMAIL

Mr. Henry Shipherd, Associate Director
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Henry:

I was glad to get your letter and have waited this long to answer only because the question of our doing something on the trade union front has been quite up in the air.

The prospect of our doing something in this field hinges almost entirely on a cooperative arrangement with Ben Segal. As matters now stand, Ben is considering making available to us the full time services of a qualified person for three or four months. I talked with him by telephone on Friday. He thinks as highly of you as we do but he has a rather strong feeling that the man for this particular project should, if possible, be a Southerner. George Mitchell is to see Segal in Washington this week, and I should know more about his (Segal's) plans shortly.

I'm sorry to have to write you such an unhelpful letter. As you know, you have some staunch friends in this office, and I am sure we would enjoy working together. I will write you again as soon as the situation is clearer. Meanwhile, if you leave Highlander, let us know how to communicate with you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

May 7, 1956

Mrs. B. R. Brazeal
Room 200, Rockefeller Hall
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Brazeal:

You are very kind, and I will have His Honor at 200 Rockefeller Hall at 12:29 Friday, May 11th.

They say his English is quite good. They say he looks like Carl Sandburg, whoever that may be. ". . . top man in every sense of the word." ". . . Spellman College, for which he has a soft spot in his heart. It was one of the many places he lectured at during the War and he is anxious to learn how the negroes feel about the present situation in the race relations problem." "I am hopeful that some of his former friends will still be at the college even though the president he knew has since retired."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. -Biographical data on Mr. Max Brauner

May 7, 1956

Herr Max Brauer:

We arranged for you to have luncheon at Spelman College. Your hostess will be Mrs. Brazeal, whose office is in Room 200, Rockefeller Hall, on the campus. Her telephone number is CIpress 2074. We will take you to Mrs. Brazeal's office at 12:30 Friday, May 11th. Mrs. Brazeal is hopeful that she can discover persons who were at Spelman when you came before.

eab/

May 7, 1956

Herr Max Brauer:

The train you take all day Saturday, May 12th is due to pass at 10:39 a.m., a station called Cheehaw. This is three miles or so from Tuskegee, Alabama, which is the spot selected by Mr. Booker T. Washington for the great industrial college which he began there for Negroes in the late 1880s. I see that no arrangement has been made for you to stop at Tuskegee, but I suggest that if, at about that time of the morning, you pick a conversation with a passenger on the subject of Tuskegee, you would find people ready to talk.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS INSTITUTE
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
DUpont 7-6964

Biographical data on Mr. Max Brauer, former Lord Mayor of Hamburg, Germany, visiting the United States under a grant from The Ford Foundation. Professional program prepared by the Governmental Affairs Institute.

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Personal Data:

Born: September 3, 1887
Married, two grown children, one a practicing physician in New York City, the other, a daughter, married and living in Concord, New Hampshire.

Career:

After completion of schooling, entered the workers' youth movement of the Social Democratic Party at the age of 16 and at the age of 29 was elected to the City Council of Altona, Germany. In 1919, elected Deputy Mayor of Altona followed five years later by his election to post of Lord Mayor of the same city. From 1924 - 1933 saw service in the Prussian Diet and in 1927 made his first trip to the United States as a representative of the German Municipal Association.

In 1933, Hitler declared him an enemy of the Reich and he fled to Switzerland where the League of Nations sent him to Nanking to survey education and public welfare problems. In 1935 and 1936, he remained in France and came to the States in 1936, where he lectured at American universities and also became active in organizing several democratic German groups in protest to Hitler. At William Green's request, he went to Germany in 1946 to survey the labor union situation and to see what American unions could do to help. The Hamburg City Government, in November of that year, elected him Lord Mayor of Hamburg, a post which he accepted. He gave up American citizenship to do this, feeling that his services were more heeded in Germany than here. As Lord Mayor he also served in the Lower House of the German Parliament, the Bundesrat. He was re-elected to office until 1953, when a coalition of opposition parties elected their candidate. Since retirement from office, he has served as head of a Trade Union Insurance Company. The likelihood is that he will soon return to power, either in Hamburg or elsewhere.

May 7, 1956

Mr. H. Philip Mettger
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mettger:

All right on the Lord Mayor of Hamburg. We will do our best for him Friday, May 11th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 7, 1956

Miss Margaret C. McCulloch, Executive Secretary
Integration Service, Inc.
749 Walker Avenue
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the desegregation that has taken place in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 1954. Dr. Mitchell told us that he talked with you recently and that you had made a study of integration in some agencies and services in Memphis. Please tell us about the integration that has occurred since May 1954. We want to learn of specific cases of integration and when they occurred. The fields on the enclosed list are being surveyed.

We would also appreciate more information on items that have appeared in Integration Service Bulletin.

1. When were Negro physicians and Negro nurses first used at the Crump Memorial Hospital? Are these nurses and physicians serving only Negro patients or both white and Negro patients? Was the Crump Hospital opened to Negro and white patients at the same time or have Negro patients been accepted more recently? Are there segregated or integrated areas for patients?

2. Was the Memphis City Committee on schools, parks and playground operative before May 1954? Have Negroes been members since its inception or were those referred to in the February Bulletin the first Negro appointees?

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

May 7, 1956

Monsignor Felix Pitt
Chancery Office, Catholic Cathedral
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Monsignor Pitt:

The Southern Regional Council would like to have as complete a picture as possible of integration in Catholic schools since May 1954.

Could you tell us the Catholic elementary and secondary schools in Kentucky which Negro students have started attending since May 1954? We would also appreciate any information you could give us on integration in Catholic organizations, hospitals or other facilities.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 8, 1956

Mr. Don Shoemaker
Executive Director
Southern School News
P.O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville 5, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Shoemaker:

First, I want to apologize for being so late in thanking you for the help all of you at Southern School News gave me recently. Since leaving Nashville, I've been in Washington and several border states and only returned to Atlanta last week.

The information gained from your extensive files has helped the Council survey on integration immeasurably.

Would you please remember me to your wife and tell her again how much I enjoyed the evening with you both? Also, do relay my thanks to your staff, particularly the McCauleys.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 8, 1956

Mr. Willard L. Brown
Brown Building
Washington and Shrewsbury
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Again, I want to thank you for the help in the Council survey on integration in the Southern and border states since May, 1954.

The information you gave on the school situation will be a most important part of our survey, as will all the other instances of integration you provided. So much of it was information available nowhere else.

I also have written Clarence Mitchell to thank him for putting me in touch with you and Mr. Nutter.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 8, 1956

Mr. T.G. Nutter
President
State Conference N.A.A.C.P.
609½ Virginia East
Charleston, W.Va.

Dear Mr. Nutter:

It was so nice to talk to you when I was in Charleston recently, gathering information for the Southern Regional Council survey on integration in the past two years.

I want to thank you again for your help and for the information you gave, particularly on the school situation in West Virginia.

The information from both you and Mr. Brown will be a valuable part of the survey.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 8, 1956

Mr. Dan Donohue
The Associated Press
Charleston Daily Mail Bldg.
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Dan:

Sorry I didn't get to see you again when I returned the file envelopes. The clips were extremely helpful and itwas so nice of you to let me borrow them.

Unfortunately, I just missed Harry Ball and since I had several appointments before catching an evening plane I couldn't wait.

Hope to see you again. Do call us if you come to Washington.

And, again, thanks so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 8, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 W. Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

I don't think I have yet expressed our thanks for the items you contributed to our desegregation survey. I quite understand why you could not have done more sooner. Any further items that come your way will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:e

May 8, 1956

Mr. Bill Frank
Wilmington Morning News
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Frank:

Thanks so much for taking time to fill in one more visiting fireman interested in Delaware integration. Apparently, it's the penalty you pay for keeping in touch with this field better than anyone else in the state.

You certainly filled in the gaps on Delaware and all of us here are grateful for your help in the Council survey.

John Constable, managing editor of the Council's monthly New South, already has sent you a number of back issues of the publication and is sending you a complimentary subscription for future issues, which we hope you may find useful.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 8, 1956

Miss Bird Forney
Directress
Negro Welfare Bureau
Room 5, State Capitol
Charleston, W.Va.

Dear Miss Forney:

Thank you very much for the help you gave me when I visited Charleston recently gathering information for the Council survey on integration in the past two years in the Southern and border states.

It has not been decided exactly how or when the survey will be published but I certainly will ask that a copy be sent to you promptly.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 8, 1956

Mr. Thomas Stafford
The Charleston Gazette
Charleston, W.Va.

Dear Mr. Stafford:

Thanks a million for all your help. I felt downright guilty about taking up so much of your time, but it certainly was a profitable session for you added so many items to the Council survey on integration in the past two years.

And, if I hadn't talked to you I'd still have been tangled hopelessly in the movement of all the state institutions and the school changes. Later, I also talked to Willard Brown about the school list we'd worked out and he made a few changes, so I think we have about as current a picture as it's possible to obtain.

It hasn't been decided exactly when or how the survey will be published yet, but I've asked that a copy be sent to you.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

May 8, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Harry:

I have had word from Marion Wright that he has signed and mailed the letters to the Greensboro News in the exact form in which you received them.

None of us thinks that this is a major affair, but we thought it worth handling and wanted to do it in full communication with you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

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May 8, 1956

Mr. David Loth
Hudson Terrace
Piermont, New York

CAN YOU MEET IN NEW YORK MAY 17 10:30 A.M. through LUNCH WITH FREEMAN AND LOESCHER? PLEASE WIRE.

HAROLD C. FLEMING

AIRMAIL

May 8, 1956

Mr. Arthur Morse
Columbia Broadcasting System
485 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Arthur:

It appears that I will be in New York Thursday and Friday of next week, May 17th and 18th. I will give you a ring in the hope that we can get together for some conversation, preferably some time Friday. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

AIRMAIL

May 8, 1956

Mr. Seymour Samet, Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Seymour:

I would like very much to get together with you and Max Birnbaum. Unfortunately I am leaving for New York on the morning of May 16th and will be gone until the week end. If there is any chance of your getting to Atlanta a day earlier, I'd be glad to lunch or meet otherwise on Tuesday the 15th. Fred will be here on both days and is looking forward to seeing you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:e

May 8, 1956

Mrs. Isabel Nunnally
Riverside Farm
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Nunnally:

When Mrs. George Wolfe in Takoma Park, Maryland said you ought to like us, I wrote you and said we would send you our maggie.

Here I come in person on an unrelated occasion -- to be part of a sort of Retreat of a Catholic settlement group in Washington called St. Peter Claver Center. They have, or have command of, a farm in Burnley, Virginia, and I am to be there at their disposition Friday and Saturday May 25th and 26th.

Assuming I can get myself into your setting, I will call you and see whether there will be a moment when you will let me pay you a visit.

I trust Mrs. Wolfe's sure instinct as to who will like what we work at.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

May 8, 1956

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

When I was in Memphis Saturday, May 5th, an excited and tolerably handsome young woman approached me and said she was Mrs. Keith Sheriff, resident at 155 East View Drive in Memphis. Her message was that you had promised to send her the dope on libraries, and she said you hadn't. And she wants it because she thinks that she and associates can crack the downtown library at Memphis.

I told the young lady to hold things together and the dope will come.

eab/

May 8, 1956

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

I spent Saturday, May 5th, in Memphis in a Conference on race relations for Memphis and Shelby County held at LeMoyne College. Remarkably good people there.

Probably the outstanding member of the Conference was a white lawyer named Grider. I am separated from the printed program and can't tell you more about it. I believe someone told me that he was with a firm of lawyers of which one Bush is the senior partner.

Now there's a man who is informed, effective, courageous, and right. I thought you probably collect knowledge of such people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 8, 1956

Mr. R. L. VanSant
Peachtree Seventh Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Farmers Home Administration

Dear Bob:

My own much travel has interfered with overdue apologies to your Fulton-DeKalb-Cobb County man on the conduct of that latest British visitor. I gave the man, at the beginning of his Atlanta visit, and again on the morning of the day of his appointment, a written version of when and where he was to be. And the witless and graceless man stayed at a luncheon with the Consul until nearly two hours after the time set. I doubt not your good County man prolonged his run into the evening hours, and so put Britain and GSM in his debt. All I can do is apologize, and splutter. And I shall tomorrow be seeing the people who sent the man out, and will fuss to them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

MEMO

May 8, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: FBR

I have read with considerable care the letter from Carroll Brooke regarding the Associate Directorship in Virginia.

SRC is committed to an integrated staff as well as an integrated Board in each of its affiliated State organizations. The confidence of the progressive white and Negro communities is dependent on this.

If Bill Cooper cannot devote half-time to the job then another qualified Negro person should be found.

The device of employing a Negro secretary would not serve the purpose of having an interracial staff. The need is for an integrated professional staff and clerical help is an inadequate substitute.

Carroll Brooke says that he hears complaints about the Virginia Council on Human Relations raising money and doing very little. From my experience in Virginia and the evaluation of the Consultant program under John Hope's direction, this is an unfair analysis. I do not attribute the unfairness to Carroll Brooke but to those who have been talking to him. Furthermore the Board, not the staff, should assume the responsibility for fund-raising. We have insisted in the past, and continue to insist, that professional staff direct their energies to program activities and not fund-raising.

I think a firm, but gentle, letter to Carroll Brooke, pointing out the necessity of these things is in order and since he knows and respects you so much, I think the letter had best come from you.

What I have said above would be in keeping with C. H. Parrish's sensitive views on this topic.

FBR:mef

May 8, 1956

Rev. Ashton A. Almand
College Heights Methodist Church
942 South Boulevard
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Rev. Almand:

Thank you for your letter of May 1 confirming your invitation to be with you during the Convocation. I will be able to spend the full time with you through Thursday as you request. I will appreciate a copy of the daily schedule at your convenience.

I am in the process of having some new glossy photos made and will forward them to you either tomorrow or the next day.

I think that the Methodist Student Movement is courageously Christian to undertake the theme: "Revolution and Reconciliation." My own inclination is to say that while the legal decision may have seemed revolutionary to some, it was in reality evolutionary and can be traced as far back as 1937 in various Supreme Court decisions.

Best regards.

Yours very truly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Copy: Mrs. Betty Jane Dossett

May 8, 1956

Dr. Elsie Lewis
1724 14th Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Elsie:

I have searched in vain for the memo I promised you.

Apparently I sent my last copy to someone in Tennessee. I am writing to our Tennessee office requesting that they forward a copy of the memo to you.

Thanks so much for all of your interest and effort on behalf of the Tennessee Council. If that group ever gets off the ground it will be due to the dedication of a few dedicated individuals and high on the list will be the name of Elsie Lewis.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

May 8, 1956

Mrs. Betty Jane Dossett
Room 420
Jackson Building
Cherry and Seventh Streets
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Dossett:

A few months ago I was in Tennessee on a circuit tour of Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville and Memphis. Upon return to this office I wrote a memo on that trip a copy of which went to your office. Would you please look in your files and send it to Dr. Elsie Lewis, 1724 14th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, who is the secretary of the Board of the Tennessee Council? Please do this at the earliest possible moment and send it to her air mail.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Copy: RHA
GSA

May 8, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
Frogmore Post Office
St. Helena Island, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I was indeed happy to see you at the meeting in Columbia and I am pleased to learn that it helped clear your thinking in the nature of the approach of the Southern Regional Council.

I am forwarding copies of your pamphlet on Penn to the Executive Committee members and am also sending a copy to each of our State Directors for their information. They are often asked where in the Deep South can interracial meetings be held and this I think they will be pleased to learn.

The financial arrangements you mention in your letter and which we discussed at Columbia are more than satisfactory. I will let you know in advance about the noon meal Friday.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

May 8, 1956

Mr. Herbert Hill
Labor Secretary, NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you for your recent letter. We would be happy to meet with you on May 15 at the time you find most convenient.

If it is agreeable with you, the Council office would be a suitable place for conferring. We are located in Room 432, Wesley Memorial Building, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E. You may phone us at Lamar 1809 or Walnut 7963.

We shall look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 8, 1956

Miss Gertrude Noar, Director
Department of Education
Anti-Defamation League of Bnai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Gertrude:

Many thanks for the invitation to the South-wide Conference on Human Relations at the University of Oklahoma. I have noted the date on my calendar and this letter will serve as confirmation of my intention to attend. I will forward the form you enclosed to Dr. Lieberman in the near future. I look forward with anticipation to the meeting and to seeing you.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

May 8, 1956

Mr. William K. Wyant Jr.
St. Louis Post Dispatch
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter forwarding the additional items. The information on high school athletics is a particularly good addition.

I am enclosing a check for your time and expenses.

Let us hear from you when you pay your next visit to Atlanta. Meanwhile all the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
enc.

May 8, 1956

MEMO

TO: GSM

FROM: HCF

I note from the correspondence file that Mr. Mettger of the Governmental Affairs Institute wrote you about the impending visit of Max Brauer and that you have arranged for him to be entertained appropriately at Spelman. Mettger or somebody in his office called me about this matter last week and I undertook some preliminary arrangements. Since yours are better and more specific, no harm was done, but some time it might be worth mentioning to the Governmental Affairs people that they should galvanise only one of us at a time on the same visitor.

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AIRMAIL

May 9, 1956

Mr. William E. Byerly
337 S. E. 46th Street
Oklahoma City 9, Okla.

Dear Mr. Byerly:

I was glad to have your letter, which evidently crossed mine in the mail.

Quite right that you should have some information that will familiarize you with the Southern Regional Council. I am sending you separately a brief history, a promotion leaflet, and the last two issues of New South.

I doubt that there is any real need for me to send you "a letter of certification" since Dr. Duncan's letter should be more than adequate and in any case his introduction should mean more in Oklahoma than mine.

If you should feel in need of any further advice or assistance let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

May 9, 1956

TO THE ALABAMA WOMEN IN THE MONTGOMERY MEETING:

I wish I could express to you the heights I felt you reached in your Workshop, and how much I glory in what you are doing. The memory of it makes a lump come into my throat even yet.

When I walked into the church - the Lutheran Trinity Church - I knew I was seeing a group in God's house, earnestly asking Him to show them the way to build understanding where there had been misunderstanding.

The two presiding officers - Mrs. Andrews, young, courageous, determined, Spirit-filled; Mrs. Adair, losing herself in something bigger than herself, building the program not on the troubles of today, but on community understanding that the troubles of today would not be on the morrow.

Neither presiding officers nor anyone from the audience, though I knew there were some there who suffered, uttered one word of complaint or rehearsed any of the incidents of Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, or anywhere in Alabama.

You women had reached a height unknown to many people - you to yourselves were of little moment. What mattered what came to you as you worked for a better community, a better state, and a better world. I came away with my heart "strangely warmed" and renewed courage to fight for a better way for a better world.

Thank you, everyone.

—Dorothy Tilly

AIRMAIL

May 9, 1956

Mr. David Loth
Hudson Terrace
Piermont, New York

Dear Dave:

I was glad to have your telegram and to learn that you will be available on Thursday the 17th.

Would it be convenient for you to meet me at the office of the Fund for the Republic at about 10:30 A.M. on Thursday? We can then spend a couple of hours together - at the Fund or elsewhere - and then follow through with Loescher's suggestion of lunch with him and Dave Freeman. Following that, we can wind up whatever loose ends may still be dangling.

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will assume that these plans are satisfactory. In case anything goes awry, I expect to be staying at the Biltmore.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

May 9, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We are all extremely sorry that someone in Mrs. Greene's family is seriously ill.

I have talked with Mrs. Alexander and she and I agree that both of the reports may be reasonably delayed because of your shortage of secretarial help. James McCain's current report is in so we are at least partially abreast of what is happening in South Carolina.

Your conference with the clergymen sounded exciting and I wish I had been there.

Best regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

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May 9, 1956

Dr. Myron Lieberman, Chairman
Planning Committee
College of Education
University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

Change of status to analyst all right.

Regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director
Southern Regional Council

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DAY LETTER

May 9, 1956

Biltmore Hotel
43rd & Madison Avenue
New York City

PLEASE RESERVE MINIMUM RATE SINGLE ROOM MAY 16 17 18. WIRE CONFIRMATION COLLECT.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL 63 AUBURN AVENUE

HAROLD FLEMING

May 10, 1956

Mr. Edward Howden, Executive Director
Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Ed:

As things now stand, I will arrive in San Francisco on May 19, fairly late in the evening. My cousinswill be meeting me at the airport and I will be staying with them. Their names are:

Frances and Arman Tatarian at
143 Morning Sun Avenue
Mill Valley DUnlap 8-2275

I look forward to being on your television program and the scheduled evening meeting on Monday. I would be pleased to speak to other groups in Oakland and Berkeley, as you suggest. Please send me immediately your home telephone number so I may contact you Saturday evening.

I will pay for my own transportation out and back and you can reimburse SRC.

We have no movie shots on what is happening in the South but if you can find some out there from the Fund for the Republic, which you mentioned, it might be helpful.

I am looking forward very much to this opportunity to help bring factual picture from the South to a very important area of the nation.

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May 10, 1956

Mrs. C. S. Johnson
1700 McNarry Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

The South-wide meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned - women concerned about what is happening in the South - will very probably be September 27 and 28. First of all, please mark these dates on your calendar and guard them for me for I will need you.

Please work out a worship service to be used then and give it to me in time to have it mimeographed and put in the workbook we will give to each person. This will be of great service to the South. You know we will be studying ways to release tensions in our South. You will know how to fit your worship service in with this. I hope you will find it entirely convenient to do this for us, for I know no one else who could put into it the challenge, the seriousness, and the love that must be our potion now.

I have just received the minutes of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the United Church Women of Tennessee. Please accept my thanks for I am making good use of them.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

May 10, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Loescher:

I will be in New York Monday and Tuesday, May 14 and 15. I would like very much to see you on either day. However, if possible, I would prefer it to be Monday. I will be in Washington, May 11, 12 and 13 at the Shoreham Hotel. In New York I will be at the Prince George Hotel (Sunday night). A note from you could reach me at these hotels.

Hoping you will find it possible to see me, I remain

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

Same letter sent to Esther Stamats

May 10, 1956

Miss Thelma Stevens, Executive Secretary
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

I will be in New York Monday and Tuesday, May 14 and 15, at the Prince George Hotel. I hope it may be possible for you to give me a few minutes, and I promise not to take too much of your time.

Love,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

May 10, 1956

Mr. Philip Hammer
Hammer and Company, Inc.
70 Fairlie Street N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Phil:

Thank you for your letter of contract setting forth the terms of the survey of industrial development which you are under-taking for us.

You have summed up the under-taking very ably, particularly with respect to those aspects of the study which are left flexible so that we can develop them in more detail as the fact-finding progresses.

Naturally I greatly hope that we can make the August 1 deadline, but I admire your far-sighted astuteness in providing for a month of grace if it should be necessary. I return a copy of your letter signed by me on behalf of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
enc.

CC: Miss Ruth Alexander w/copy
of contract letter

May 10, 1956

Mr. Arthur S. Miller
Associate Professor
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thanks for your letter of May 7th. We greatly appreciate, as I am sure George Hunton does, your undertaking a brief article on interposition.

I have added your name to the mailing list for New South and I'm sending you several recent issues. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o

AIRMAIL

May 10, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

I have exchanged telegrams with David Loth and all is set for a get together next Thursday with you and Dave Freeman if he is available. I will show up at the Fund's office at about 9:30 A.M. for any discussion with Ferry, Kelly, or others that may seem indicated. Loth is to meet me at 10:30, and we will spend a couple of hours together before lunch time.

If you and I can get together over some dinner Wednesday night, that will be wonderful. I am due at the Newark airport at 4:05 and should be registering at the Biltmore an hour or so later. If you are free give me a call there.

I have your letter forwarding Peter Kihss's suggestion and will ponder it in the meantime. I am sending a copy of this both to New York and to Philadelphia to make sure you will get it well ahead of time.

I am looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:e

May 10, 1956

TO: Ruth Alexander

FROM: HCF

Here is the essential correspondence concerning a fact-finding project which I have contracted for with Hammer and Co.

You will note that the stipulated fee is given as a range of $2500 to $4000, chances being that the final charge will be closer to the higher figure.

I don't know that this calls for any special bookkeeping arrangements now, but I want you to know about it in case I am hit by a truck. Obviously, we should have on hand in liquid form $4000 of the fact-finding funds for payment of this fee between August 1 and September 1, 1956.

Correspondence attached
Ltr dated 5/9/56

May 11, 1956

TO: HCF

FROM: GSM

The Atlantic Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., meeting at Charleston May 9th and 10th, were provided by the Church's Department of Social Education and Action with a mimeo'd version of your recent Annals article. They had some extras that I permissively swiped. This stack for you.

cab/

May 14, 1956

Mr. Rufus Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

In working through the final draft of the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee April 20-21, I discover again the language on the last page, under the heading "other business." Mention is made of the passing of the motion that you would name a committee to investigate the needs for fund-raising and public relations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 14, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

How grand that is that Mr. Dudley sent in a whole $100!

Here is a receipt for you to send him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt - $100
to Mr. John S. Dudley
20 Exchange Place
New York City

May 14, 1956

The Reverend Harold L. Cooper, S.J.
Loyola University
New Orleans 18,
Louisiana

Dear Father Cooper:

All straight. I will be here hoping to see you on June 13th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 14,1956

Mr. Donald A. C. Maclennan
26 Buckingham Terrace
Edinburgh 4, Scotland

Dear Mr. Maclennan:

Yes, with warmest thanks, I got the package of things. Very helpful and most tempting information.

Good news that you are coming over on this side. While our distances are great, they seem to melt and I am sure you will turn up in Atlanta and not too long after you get over here.

If you stay yonder in the Cleveland area I shall have a daughter named Charlotte Mitchell entering Oberlin College near Cleveland in September. She is the one who is supposed to go to St. Andrews after the year at Oberlin; so pump her full of things Scottish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 14, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: HCF

FROM: GSM

Will you take on responsibility for contriving language suitable to be used in a scroll honoring Mr. Leonard Haas; to be available in time for illumination in time for the Board meeting prospective in November.

eab/

May 14, 1956

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: GSA

FROM: GSM

Will you try to find out how one gets a scroll illumined suitably? Matter arises in connection with proposed presentation to Leonard Haas in November at the Board meeting. HCF is drafting the language.

eab/

May 14, 1956

May 14, 1956

Mrs. I. D. Norman
7407 Melrose Avenue
University City 14,
Missouri

Dear Mrs. Norman:

All right about being at the Post Dispatch Building at 3:00 to be interviewed by the wheel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 14, 1956

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
The Wydown School
6500 Wydown Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Maggie:

A lady named Mrs. I. D. Norman of 7407 Melrose Avenue, University City 14, Missouri, has been after me for some advance copy of what I will be saying May 18th.

Now she write me that she has made an engagement for me to say this or that about what I will have said on to a tape machine at 3:00 p.m. in the Post Dispatch Building for Frank Eschen, KSD's newscater.

I am perfectly willing, and I have written the lady that I will show.

I notify you in order to keep all straight.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 14, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach News Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear The Davidsons:

The longer time goes on the more I like the Davidsons.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $50

May 14, 1956

Mr. Joseph R. Starobin
51 Charles Street
New York 14, New York

Dear Mr. Starobin:

Many thanks for your letter, for the subscription to New South, and for the book. I generally turn in and read books, and I am interested in your subject and expect to read it.

Pleasure to have you the other day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 14, 1956

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brazeal:

We are glad to have you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 14, 1956

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Assistant Director of Education
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

You wrote me May 9th about the two Malayan trade union people who would be in Atlanta June 16-20.

Miserably those are the days when I am at the Kentucky Labor School.

But Harold Fleming or Fred Routh here will be happy to see the men and will arrange particularly good contacts for them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: HCR -
FBR

May 14, 1956

Mrs. J. C. Merrill
Executive Director
Council on Human Relations
142 West State Street
Trenton 8, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Merrill:

Yes do write me when you have your Fall conference cleared away, and maybe with some joint contriving I can get there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 14, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Here's a man who wrote in. I told him that he was entitled to call on you for help.

I also told him I had been to Bluefield, West Virginia some months ago and had told all I knew to a Methodist parson named C. Anderson Davis. The Methodist parson I was asked up to see is Central Jurisdiction and is also the main wheel in the local NAACP.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - cc of ltr from
Mr. Bernie H. Hampton
dtd 5/10/56

May 14, 1956

Mr. Bernie H. Hampton
1901 Virginia Avenue
Virginia Avenue Methodist Church
West Graham, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hampton:

As happily you are on your side of the line, you are entitled to ask the Virginia Council on Human Relations to come over and help you get set up. Their Executive Secretary is the Reverend John H. Marion at 100 East Franklin Street, Richmond 19, Telephone number is 3-8538. And he has associated with him Mr. William Cooper of Hampton.

Jack Marion is a Presbyterian. Has had spots of warm water in this or that church he has had because of advocacy of quite reasonable things. But he is in good standing and a fine man.

I came up to your sister town across the line a few months ago and told all I knew to Mr. C. Anderson Davis of the John Stewart Methodist Church in Bluefield, West Virginia, and various of his associates.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 14, 1956

Mr. F. Woods Beckman, Chairman
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Beckman:

Thank you for your recent letter enclosing the clipping from the Knoxville News-Sentinel and a list of items for our desegregation survey. They are both much appreciated.

I think it is extremely helpful for visitors from other countries to inform their southern hosts of the vital importance of racial practices in this country to our leadership in international affairs. Generally, I suppose, this should be done with as much tact as possible, but I should think an occasional blast such as that from Mr. Gopal is a healthy thing too.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 14, 1956

Dr. Tilman C. Cothran
Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Cothran:

Thank you for your letter of May 9th and your willingness to assume the direction of the Arkansas survey of Negro suffrage.

I am afraid that the material I sent you did not adequately convey our notion of the approach and timing of the survey. We hope to complete such fact-finding as is possible during the months of June, July and August. I realize that this imposes some severe handicaps in the case of Arkansas and perhaps others. However, we are undertaking this effort in the belief that the need for information about the status of the Negro vote is so urgent that we must, if necessary, sacrifice completeness to speed. In short, the question is, how much can we find out within the limits of time and money available? rather than vice-versa.

In the light of this somewhat clearer statement of our purpose, I hope you will still feel that you can take on the survey, and I shall look forward to your reaction.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 14, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

In case you haven't seen it, here is the published version of our letter to the Greensboro Daily News plus a letter of transmittal from Mr. H. W. Kendall.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
encs.

DAILY FILE

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU ANTA 3,

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

May 14, 1956

TO: Consultants - SRC Consultant Service Program

FROM: John Hope II, Assistant Director for Program

There is a possibility that we may need the services of Consultants during the months of June, July, August and September of this year. We would like to know if you will be available at any time during these months.

Please let us know by return mail the probable dates that you would be available during the above four months. We will need to have this information before we make any plans for the future.

May 14, 1956

Mrs. Erol Gumrukcu
1158 Hilltop Road
Kansas City 4, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Gumrukcu:

Thank you for your letter of May 11th and the excellent set of findings. The thoroughness with which you put the specific instances in context was quite remarkable in view of the limited time available for your inventory.

I am enclosing a check for your fee and expenses. When the completed survey is published, I will send you a copy to the address you have indicated and will also take care of the request of Mr. Dorsey.

Our thanks for a job well done and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
Enc.
CC: Mr. Odom Fanning

May 14, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

On your letter of April 17th with its attached review of items still under discussion:

(1) I will work with the staff to get them to consult regularly with Board members who have experience in particular fields.

(2) We did our best to get the White House to perform on that one and partially they did.

(3) I have not thought that the United States Government could be got to acknowledge a disaster responsibility.

(4) Has been done.

(5) I have again notified to MCF these items a, b, c, and d.

On lobby display at conferences I still do not see how one overcomes the very high overhead expenses. But I shall be going into that valley in July and will carry some SRC literature along and will talk to the bookstore people at each of the main conference grounds.

On putting a staff member to working at it, the best proposal I can make is constant attention from us all.

Harold tell me that he eagerly want to do the article on costs of suits to states, but is finding it very difficult to get the information together.

(6) Cared for.

(7) We will discuss in staff meetings.

(8) Thoroughly discussed at Executive Committee meetings, and to be done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 14, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

I have received your letter on your new official stationery and all of us here think it is neat, clear copy. Also received the mass of mimeographed material. Like very much what you are doing. Keep up the good work and keep in touch with us.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Copy: C. H. Parrish

May 14, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your note of 5-11-56 regarding Mr. O'Dowd's appearance before your proposed annual meeting and the clipping about his speech to the Rotary Club. He sounds like a good egg, to use a "Mitchellism."

Unfortunately I will not be able to come over for the meeting for I will be in California speaking to the San Francisco Civic Unity Council and the American Civil Liberties Union, but many thanks for the invitation. I shall send a copy of your announcement to Dr. Parrish and also a copy of your letter and it may be possible for him to attend.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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May 15, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: HGF

FROM: GSM

In Marion Wright's letter to me of April 17th, he included item 5, which I now notify to you:

NEW SOUTH

a) Symposium of college press.
b) Quotes from Southern statesmen on public schools.
c) Development of parallel between old KKK & Citizens Councils.
d) Increased distribution.
   1. Display & sale at religious, educational & other meetings -- particularly, summer assemblies.
   2. Assignment of one staff member to task of increasing distribution.
e) Article on cost to states of suits.

I have told him that I thought lobby display was at too high an overhead cost, and as to putting a staff member on the best we could do was to all work together on it.

Also said you are eager to do the item on cost of suits to states, but couldn't find much dope.

Also, Marion Wright gave item 7 as follows:

PAMPHLETS

a) Integration of PTAs showing
   1. Where it has been done
   2. How " " " "
   3. With what results
b) Integration of teacher groups
c) How women may help
   Church
   Club
   Home Demonstration

I will notify item 7 to Mrs. Tilly.

cab/

May 15, 1956

Mr. Harry Powers
P. O. Box 4327
Sarasota, Florida

Dear Mr. Powers:

Two, three, or four months ago I sent you, as possibly printable, a review I did of a book called Fraternities Without Brotherhood. I do not these days see the Journal and don't know whether the article ever saw print or not.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 15, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: MET

FROM: GSM

Marion Wright on April 17th, in listing again various building proposals suggested (anew) pamphlets on how women may help. He gave some breakdown for church, club, and home demonstration.

Can you see anything useful in that direction?

cab/

May 15, 1956

Mr. William Brubeck
Administrative Assistant
to the Honorable Edith Green
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brubeck:

I am most grateful for your kind note of May 10th. Shall be in Washington May 24th at the beck and call of George Guernsey who is in the Education Department of the AFL-CIO, and I have to drop in off and on, also, on some meeting about discrimination in the government service.

Guernsey's telphone is National 8-3870. Whereafter you must ask for Education, and you will get Guernsey. New building at 815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.

I don't know that Guernsey can work out a time that would let me be helpful to you or to Mrs. Green, but assuming Guernsey can, I am always willing to spout.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 15, 1956

Mr. Boris Shiskin
Assistant to the President
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Boris:

I was up yonder May 8th, which was just after your letter of May 2nd reach me -- had been travelling.

So I up and handed your young lady on May 8th a copy of the original letter of December 20th to Mr. Meaney. I also went and took one to the outside mademoiselle in Mr. Schnitzler's office.

I do hope that the mills will grind.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 15, 1956

Mr. John Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

You delight us with your order for one hundred copies of the April **New South**. Exactly the distribution we hoped for.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 15, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Mr. Joseph Haas has sent the attached letter in response to my letter to him of May 4th, also herewith.

If you would care now to draft a letter suitable to be sent by you to staff members in the central office; and a similar letter suitable to be sent by you to staff members in affiliated state organizations; such as would accord with the proposal, these could be held in readiness for the action of the July meeting of the Executive Committee.

If you care to return your drafts to me, I will see that they get laid before the July meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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JOSEPH F. HAAS
1116 First National Bank Bldg.
Atlanta, Georgia

May 14, 1956

Dear Mr. Mitchell

This is the first opportunity I have had to reply to yours of the 4th. It appears to me that the matter has been handled in a very careful and entirely legal manner, and I can see no reason why the action incorporated in the proposal should not be implemented as suggested, at the July meeting.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Joseph F. Haas

Mr. George S. Mitchell, Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

May 15, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

Approximately at the end of March, when six months of this fiscal year will elapse, I expressed the hope that you would fetch together a report circularable to the state organizations as to their success at the end of the six months period in their own money-raising efforts. And as to their growth in membership.

It is now seven and one-half months. Progress?

eab/

May 15, 1956

Mrs. Gilbert Harrison
3556 Macomb Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

I promised to find for you a copy of the earlier letter to Montgomery Bradley. Here it is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Gsm/eab
Encl: ltr from GSM to
Rockefeller Bros. Fund
dtd 10/28/55

May 15, 1956

The Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C.O.
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

I had occasion a couple of weeks ago to be at Memphis where LeMoyne College fetched together one hundred or so people interested in progress on matters of race.

One of those present who helped stably and without conspicuousness was a certain Father Capistran Haas.

I know nothing of Father Haas, but made note to let you know that he is well disposed and effective.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 15, 1956

Mr. H. Philip Mettger
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mettger:

I promised to send a list of our twelve state organizations. Here it is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 15, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Mr. Guy Wells, in reporting for April, recounted the matter of the lifting of his title and the attack on his person. He had a neat paragraph, which I quote:

> I will not ask the Regents to restore my title of President-Emeritus because, first, I do not think they would, and secondly, if there was any honor attached to the title it had already been conferred, and finally, the scars they meant to inflict are more valuable than the title they might restore.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 15, 1956

Missionary Servants of the
Most Holy Trinity
Silver Springs, Maryland

Dear Reverend Fathers:

I am grateful for the invitation which came the other day to be present at the Ordination of fourteen young men May 31st at Martinsburg, West Virginia, by Bishop Ireton.

I am hopeful that one, two, or three of these young men would be those to whom I talked three or four years ago.

I can't be present, but I am deeply grateful for the invitation. Our most cordial respect for the work that the M.S.Ss.T. does.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

May 15, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I have been siting on your letter of April 25th about the Southern Assembly. Sitting because I hoped I could establish communication with John Popham who went to their two meetings on the Gulf Coast, and could and would have told me their flavor. But Popham seems to be irretrievably popping around Kefauver.

I went some years ago to one session of the American Assembly at Arden House. Thought it pleasant and an effective way to get a body of people consulted. Opined that it was really CED academically be-gowned.

I would say that the litmus paper for the Southern one would be whether it includes courageous Negro persons. If she turns blue on that one, take her. If she won't turn, go easy.

Which is not to say that there is not a sphere of usefulness for considerations limited to white persons, but rather specifically and narrowly limited -- if thus confined.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 15, 1956

Mr. John Lawson
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lawson:

My apologies for being until now in answering your helpful letter of April 25th about Dr. Maldwyn Edwards. But it was one that did not have to have hot-on-the-spot treatment and I held it!

I think the right thing to do is for me to send some three copies of the leaflet about Dr. Edwards to Mr. Harry Richardson, the President at Gammon. He would be the one who could arrange contacts with many of the Methodist churches of the Central Jurisdiction, in the Atlanta area.

I will also write Bishop S. L. Greene of the A.M.E. Church at Morris Brown College. And again I will let Mr. Brawley know at Clark College.

I should think these three contacts would turn the trick.

We have had a kind letter at the office from Mrs. Lawson and the children. She was a delightful addition to our staff and we are most grateful for her kindness in coming, and for yours in letting her come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 15, 1956

Mr. Alfred Maund
3 Hazel Hedge Lane
Montgomery 6, Alabama

Dear Mr. Maund:

I don't see much I can do but advise. If you can hit on a day to be ever here when I will be here too, I will be happy to make free with advice. But I think you have fundamentally got a hard job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

May 15, 1956

Mr. Gordon Roberts, Editor
Red and Black
Henry W. Grady School of Journalism
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Gordon:

We are still looking for the paper with the column concerning our "friend" Roy Harris. We are real interested in reading what you had to say about him.

However, the main reason for writing today is that Harold Fleming is interested in securing you as a speaker for the American Veterans' Committee here in Atlanta on May 29th about 8 P.M. It will be an informal meeting in someone's home and they would be interested in hearing you tell about what is happening at the University. If you can make it write me back and I will let Harold know so he can send you more details. Hope you can do it.

Incidentally, the letter I wrote to the Constitution appeared this morning. They cut it some but not too much.

Give me a ring this weekend when you get in and in the meantime give the speech serious consideration.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable

JC:mbo

Southern Re

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

May 15, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Directors

FROM: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

It has been brought to our attention that most State Organizations have not been supplied with the current list of SRC Board members.

For your information we are enclosing an alphabetized list as well as a list broken down by States.

GSA:mef

May 16, 1956

Mr. Herman H. Long
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

I promised to send you a copy of this letter to Mr. Weidenhouse.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

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Y

May 11, 1956

Mr. Philip Weidenhouse
American Missionary Association
287 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Weidenhouse:

We approach now the end of your fiscal year, and therefore the need for some continuation of an arrangement between AMA and SRC as to John Hope II.

John Hope is doing a remarkable job for and with us. He has held of something with that consultants' program that is of the very greatest potential towards solution of the problem of getting the schools together in the South. When he serves me he is really serving you too. And when he serves you he is helping us.

We would like to keep on using him into the months beginning June 1st. I don't know how much; depends pretty largely on how much money we can rake together for the program he directs. Not more than we have been using him, and maybe less.

I concede that you could, upon a dubious precedent, exact of me another $1,000. I beg you not to.

Sincerely,

/s/

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 16, 1956

CORRECTED COPY

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We are all saddened by your decision not to be available for reelection next year. No one knows where we will turn. But obediently I am sending out the announcement to all the members of the Board.

Five years of worry, woe, begging, and home-leaving is a good big chunk, and we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. - copy of ltr as mailed today.

MARION A. WRIGHT, LINVILLE FALLS
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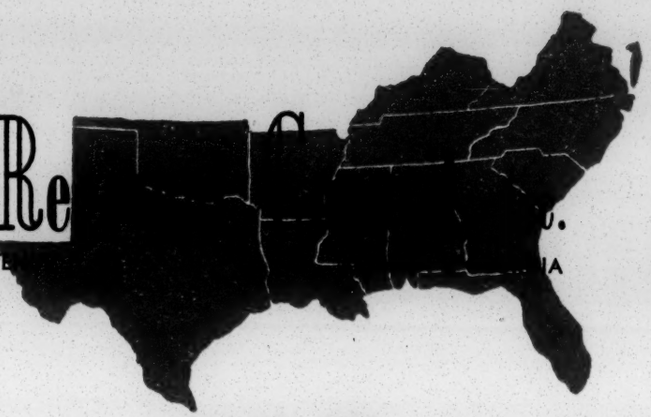

May 15, 1956

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
"TOP KNOT"
LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

There is no reason for me to assume that I would be thought of for re-election as your President. It seems wise, however, to remove that possibility from speculation. My decision is not to permit my name to be considered at the next annual meeting.

I make this announcement well in advance of the event in order that full consideration may be given to a successor.

My tour of duty in this office has brought me many satisfactions, not the least of which has been the privilege of knowing in the membership of the organization the choice spirits of the South. Knowing them, one may only have confidence that the South will yield itself to their leadership.

Yours sincerely,

Marion A. Wright

MAW:ejg/eab

May 16, 1956

Mr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

I am horrified to find that your note to me of April 7th, enclosing this correspondence and asking for names of suitable white ministers, has got clogged on my own desk. Every apology.

On somewhat painstaking inquiry I think the only suitable nomination is Glen Canfield at the Unitarian Universalist Church. Harrison McMains no longer has a church.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - ltr from John Paul Jones
dtd 4/2/56

May 16, 1956

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: JH

FROM: GSM

I got the message of May 15th. Thank you for talking to Preston Valien. Preston wrote me but I couldn't figure out how he wanted the information from Jasper shaped. So I called Fisk and got Herman Long who said he would talk to Preston and get Preston to call me. Which brings me to:

item 2 of your message. Herman and I discussed the matter of Weidenhouse, and I have sent Herman a copy of the letter to Weidenhouse, all sassy though it be.

cab/

May 16, 1956

Mr. John Hope
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

George Stoney makes movies. Good egg. Outfit is called Potomac Film Producers, Incorporated, at 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D. C., telephone NOrth 7-7094.

Bee in Stoney's bonnet about doing some kind of Southern movie. Stoney would do a honey if he did one. I told Stoney what you and C.H. are doing with consultants. Stoney says it sounds good. Says can Stoney have any reports available? I don't know what reports you have got, but it would be valuable and in no wise hurtful to let Stoney have anything that is revelatory of the methods of the Consultants' Services.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. R. E. Clement

May 16, 1956

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

There's a nice youngish British Methodist parson doing theology at Emory, nominee John Lawson.

He wrote me back at the end of April and said a friend of his, also a British Methodist parson and this time quite a leading one, is coming over to lecture at Emory during the Fall quarter of 1956. The incomer for the Autumn is Dr. Maldwyn Edwards.

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Also, Lawson says that Edwards ought to have a "reasonable sum for expenses if he comes to preach." I have written Lawson that I will let you know and I will let Bishop Greene know and I will let Mr. Brawley know. I daresay from that something will happen. I have also marked our SRC office tickler to raise the matter again with you September 1, 1956, in order that it might surely come back up to the surface.

I am sure Mr. Lawson and the British incomer will be appreciative of whatever, if any, arrangements you may care to assist.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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May 16, 1956

Mr. James P. Brawley
Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

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May 16, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
114 South Bemiston Street
Clayton, Missouri

Dear Maggie:

I had the wrong dope about my broadcast tape recording to be done on May 18th at 3:00 p.m. at KSD. I got a second crack at the letter Mrs. Norman wrote me, and it says that the tape recording is to be at 3:00 on Thursday the 17th.

Meanwhile some emissary from the National Federation of Settlements is in Atlanta today and says that she will be in St. Louis tomorrow and will beg them off of the 17th and put them on to the 18th. Presumably about the same time of day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

ltr mailed to the Wydown School
6500 Wydown Boulevard
Clayton, Missouri

May 16, 1954

AIR MAIL

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

No excuse for answering on May 16th your letter of April 26th, but it is important and we want to get it right.

The right time for Mr. Bergen to be in Atlanta is the morning of May 23rd. I am out of Atlanta the afternoon of the 23rd and on the 24th. And Fred Routh is gone both days. But if Mr. Bergen will be here the morning of the 23rd, we will fetch together some activists to confer with him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 16, 1956

Mr. Earl Mayhew
Associate Rural Sociologist
University of Kentucky
Lexington 29, Kentucky

Dear Earl:

I still want to see that tenure study come through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 16, 1956

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

To save the girl a chore of typing I make bold to send you a sample carbon of this letter to Mr. Richardson. Note that I have put the matter principally before and upon Mr. Richardson, Mr. Brawley, and Bishop S. L. Greene.

But I let you know about the visitor in case in the judgment of your assistants he might fit into Atlanta University's Autumn plans.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 16, 1956

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: HCF
FBR
CHP
JH

FROM: GSM

The man, Philip Mettger, from the Institute of Governmental Affairs called today May 16th. Wanted to make a hook-up between a man from India, now engaged in Florida, and young Mr. M. L. King of Montgomery, Alabama. Hook-up to be next Wednesday. Hook-up arranged through Bob Hughes.

eab/

May 17, 1956

Mrs. Elizabeth Virrick
8400 Old Cutler Road
Miami, Florida

Dear Elizabeth:

Many thanks for your good letter of May 11. I was glad to hear that Dave McEntyre has asked you to do a little survey for him. Dave is a nice guy and knows his way around in the housing field. Am glad too that you received an honorarium for the survey, but let me hasten to add that you were in the professional class way before this.

Mrs. Bettner apparently is up tp her old activities. She is a natural as a Mother Superior for the White Citizens Councils. I think you were wise in turning your literature that was given out at the WCC meeting over to the F.B.I. We need to keep the U. S. Department of Justice aware of the subversive activities of these hatemongers.

I wish I knew of an angel or an angle to get you the fifteen hundred dollars but unfortunately I know of none such. However, I know it will be much worth your while and certainly would be helpful to the Miami area if you could make that eight-country trip to study progress in housing. Have you thought of Arthur Vining Davis? He has always shown an interest in your activities, as I remember.

I have recently been to Detroit for speeches to the Detroit Co-ordinating Council and also to Alpha Kappa Alpha, national Negro sorority. Then I was just back up there last weekend for a Board Meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials.

This coming week I am off to the West Coast - San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Bernardino - for speeches before the San Francisco Civic Unity Council and also the American Civil Liberties Union. We believe that it is terribly important to"get the story out" from the South to the rest of the nation, We feel that an inadequate amount of factual information is reaching the rest of the nation and that those who purport to speak for the South, in other words the Talmadges, the Byrneses, and the Eastlands, represent the most reactionary elements of the region and do not reflect the growing strength of

democracy in our area.

I don't know just when I will be down in Florida but sometime this summer I intend to take a week off and spend it down there and certainly one of the people high on the list of "musts" to see is my good friend, Elizabeth Virrick.

Best regards.

Always,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

May 17, 1956

Mr. Dana S. Creel
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Creel:

I am late in replying to your letter of April 25th.

Sorry the Rockefeller Brothers Fund couldn't help out on that one, but we are very grateful to you and to Mr. Bradley and to the whole Fund for putting no inconsiderable amount of time and sympathy and inquiry into it.

I think we have found someone who will carry that project for the time being on a month to month basis. Which rejoices us because it does seem a main thing to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 17, 1956

Mr. Gilbert James
Superintendent
Department of Inter-racial Evangelism
The Free Methodist Church of North America
4310 Enright Avenue
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Mr. James:

We have a nice young lady now who puts together research stuff. And she sends you these items re Montgomery and re Clarendon County.

Additional reference would be in Ashmore's book, The Negro and the Schools, page 98.

Every success to you and what you do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
"History of the Five School Cases" Crisis, June-July, '54
"The White Folks Fight Back" New Republic, October 31, '55
Clips from Atlanta Journal and Chattanooga Times, 3/23/56 and 5/10/56, respectively re Montgomery Bus Boycott
"Alabama's Bus Boycott" The Reporter, March 8, 1956.

P.S. Mr. Mitchell said that this new one about the bus boycott in Montgomery, by L. D. Reddick, came in this morning, and he asked that I send it on to you.

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May 17, 1956

Mr. Walter P. Reuther
International Union
United Automobile, Aircraft & Agricultural
Implement Workers of America
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

Often about this time of year I begin to despair of ever making this world come out right. At which point you send me a letter and a check and I feel like things are going to behave.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $1,000

May 17, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

News in your note of April 27th about Philip Hyatt at Vanderbilt, and the study undertaken for the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, I had heard nothing of.

I am only twenty four pages into Calhoun's manuscript. It is still pedestrian.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 17, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Armen Tatarian
143 Morning Sun Avenue
Mill Valley, California

Arriving San Francisco Saturday, May 19, at 7:50 P.M., TWA, Flight 23 from Chicago.

Love,

Fred

May 17, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

About sending New South out to foundations. Excellent and we will.

Ben Segal gives me some indication that the New World Foundation will pick up some part of what Montgomery Bradley couldn't.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 17, 1956

Mrs. Gilbert Harrison
3556 Macomb Street, N.W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

What joyful news!

It will take me the turn-around of two or three days to send out the proper documents, but I will. And probably on Monday.

I am grateful -- most because I think wisdom was shown.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 17, 1956

Mr. Maurice B. Fagan
Philadelphia Fellowship Commission
260 South Fifteenth Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Maury:

I am whole, and I am daily honored anew. Here above my head and off my right ear sits the framed praise of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission. And here on my desk endorsed to SRC sits your most kind check.

I had a grand time and I am for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 17, 1956

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Fred and Harold and I have all discussed, separately and together, your letter of April 4th.

We agree on the need for stiffest adherence to the 1951 Policy Statement. We will all keep working with the state groups to get them to understand and do it.

I perceive the wobble backwards too. And you and I worry together about it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 17, 1956

Miss Mary Louise Musser
146 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Musser:

I kept your letter this long unanswered partly because I wanted to do some checking.

Generally speaking, my best advice is to cast about you for the biggest and least solvable problem you can hear of; read and watch more about it than anybody else; publish a little about it, even if only in "Letters to the Editor"; and in fewer years than you can hope somebody will pick you up and make you regional director of the fix-it-uppers at $9,000 per. Considering your most interesting background, I would say that the thing you are best equipped to do is help the Christian church in the South over into the field of Adult Education in the morality which compels change in race relations. Now, admittedly, there isn't any structure for getting that done, but if you perceive the need and hammer the need home, to sensitive people and to enough members of the general public, things will happen -- and pretty fast.

Meanwhile, I am told that the Methodist General Board of Education in Nashville has no person assigned to race relations. They used to have Dr. Eleazer but he retired. In the next few weeks the reorganization will proceed for what I believe you call the quadrennian.

We would advise you to see if they will take you on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 17, 1956

Mr. John Hope
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Some money review, as I want to nick you!

As of today here are Mrs. Alexander's figures on what balance remains to you. Observe that the hard core conference thousand has not yet been spent.

I have highly credible rumors by the grapevine that we will get some more money for your show, to keep it on at least for some months to come, and hopefully beyond that.

'Tis a principle of these things that projects get nicked for overhead. Specifically: general telephoning, bookkeeping, money-begging, and that lightly-resting finger of informed and assisting administrative care -- to speak with tact. How much to get nicked? Five per cent is little, more than ten is high. Considering the general need hereabouts I would like to nick your project a thousand (before it gets spent). Sure, call it "Injun Giver" -- that would be about right. But obviously the whole show has to live, and it has made some contribution to what your part has accomplished. So I red-ink off a thousand from the balance of $4,280 shown as of today. I hope you will find the project's life in no wise shortened or straitened thereby. But at all times the show can be argued with, and often into agreement with what ought to be done!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 17, 1956

Mr. Joseph F. Haas
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of SRC April 20-21, there was some discussion of the possibility that various state organizations affiliated with SRC might not be complying with all requisite state legislation. The precedent which was in mind was the suit out of Louisiana based on a statute originally passed against the Ku Klux Klan and now used as a device for attempting to intimidate the NAACP.

It was at first suggested that it would be proper for us to write to each state organization and urge them to check very closely with locally available attorneys as to whether each organization was duly in compliance with all requisite legislation. But it was suggested by one member of the Committee that Counsel in Atlanta might find it easier to review state legislation than to distribute the task out to the various states.

It is conceded that most of the state organizations avail themselves of legal advice only in a rather informal manner.

The only quirk that we know of is that North Carolina has a statute requiring persons raising money within that state to register with the State Department of Public Welfare and be approved. And our North Carolina affiliate has duly complied with this North Carolina statute.

If, in your judgment, the matter may be fairly simply checked in Atlanta, I would be grateful for your advice and assistance. If we should correspond with the various states about the matter, we will do as advised by you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 17, 1956

Mr. David B. Silberman, Jr.
Treasurer
Sigmund Silberman Foundation
1117 West Thirty-Fifth Street
Chicago 9, Illinois

Dear Mr. Silberman:

This show has been running forty-seven years. In all that time I can recall myself and from my predecessors only one instance of a kindness like yours.

In about 1923 Will Alexander, who ran the Old Commission on Interracial Cooperation, went to New York and asked Mr. Rockefeller for $50,000.00 to help spread interracial committees. The application made its way through screening trustees and came out at $25,000. Alexander said he returned to Atlanta sick at heart. He was grateful for the twenty-five, of course, but he needed the fifty to do the job and he didn't know where to turn for the rest. He had been back in Atlanta three days when a letter came from Mr. Rockefeller: "I have been thinking about our meeting the other day. It seems to me you will need the other $25,000, here's my check for it."

Sp?
Sir

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC's Official Receipt $100

May 17, 1956

Dr. Myron Lieberman, Chairman
Planning Committee
College of Education
University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Lieberman:

I have just received your letter of May 15 asking for the theme and main points of my talk to the Conference. In a previous letter to me on May 7, you asked if it was all right if I acted as an analyst for integration rather than a discussion leader, and I agreed in a telegram to you. I didn't realize that I was to make a talk as such to the group but, of course, will be pleased to do so.

The title of my talk will probably be "Changing Patterns in the South." It would include a very brief survey of major trends in the South from the close of the Civil War to the beginning of the New Deal; the effects of the New Deal and World War II on the South; the series of cases that reached the Supreme Court up to 1954, including the white primary, the graduate schools, Jim Crowism, interstate transportation, and jury service; a brief analysis of the Court decision itself, and subsequent Court decisions; a quick look at the differences among the various States and regions of the South; and a quick look at the determinants of progress, such as urbanization, industrialization, the self-image of the States, determination of the Negro community, the percentage of Negro population, and the more democratic-minded groups; and a theoretical framework of working with, nor on nor for, Negro people.

Normally such a speech would take some fifteen minutes, which I believe is desirably brief, and would provide for plenty of time for questions and answers and discussion. If this is not the type of thing you and the Committee had in mind, I would be very happy to revise it or start it anew, depending on what you see to be the needs of the Conference.

I look forward with anticipation to the Conference and to my visit in Oklahoma.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

May 17, 1956

Miss Irene Osborne
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Irene:

Greetings, gal. The office doesn't seem the same without thy (to use a Quakerism) cheery face. We keep hearing good reports from State people about the work you have done with SRC.

I have just returned from a NAIRO Board Meeting in Detroit. Quite a few interesting things came up there. Among them was a proposal for a case study in desegregation, analysis and prognosis, based on Washington, D. C. The proposal was made by George Nesbitt, though he was not there personally. I obtained a copy of it and am forwarding it to you with this letter. I hope that you will read it with care, write your opinion of the proposed study and send it to Marsh Bragdon, and send me a copy, if you will.

The feeling of the Board was that the conference aspect of the proposed study would probably do as much harm as good in the Washington area. You know my opinions about excessive ballyhoo connected with serious social analysis. However, I don't want to prejudice your thinking. Anyhow, here is the paper.

I am off this weekend to the West Coast: San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Bernardino, and I am going to take a week off following that and un up to Seattle to see an aunt and uncle I haven't seen for ten years. on my return to Atlanta, I would very much like to find a letter from Irene rne on my desk, telling me what she is up to with the AFSC and in Phila- ia, with such minor details as if she found an apartment, how she likes ty of Brotherly Love, etc.

regards. We miss ya'.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

May 18, 1956

Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson, Director
Region I-D,
UAW-CIO
215 Sheldon Avenue, S. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Ken:

Thank you for your schedule of the region 1-D Institute in which I have noted my participation on the afternoon of the 22nd. I like your idea of having an adequate portion of the time devoted to group discussion.

In all probability, I will borrow my brother's car when I get to Detroit and drive up to the workshop early Friday morning. If this meets with your agreement, please send me detailed instructions of how to get from Detroit to the camp. As for reimbursements of my expenses, suppose I give you a statement when I get there.

I had the pleasure of meeting Jack Conway the other day in Detroit when I was up there for a Board meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials. I met Jack at a celebration of the local chapter of the NAACP upon the completion of its fund-raising and membership drive. He certainly is a credit to your organization and a fighter for human rights and dignity of all people.

I look forward to being with you and the UAW group at the Institute.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

May 18, 1956

Mrs. James Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

always

Many thanks for your letter of May 13 concerning Allen Robert Desmond. We were certainly not convinced his charges were well-founded, but we are only anxious to check any criticism of our organization. We have complete confidence in Ken Holbert and in your ability to administer the local program.

I hope it will be possible for the Texas Commission to secure a well qualified full-time Director. In this endeavor and in the good work you all are doing, I wish you the very best of luck.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

May 18, 1956

Miss Muriel S. Outlaw
Secretary to Mr. Hill
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street,
New York 18, New York

Dear Miss Outlaw:

Please tell Mr. Hill that we shall look forward to talking with him on May 29th or May 30th.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 18, 1956

Colonel Thomas S. Ivey
4th Marine Corps Reserve and
Recruitment District
1100 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Colonel Ivey:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the integration that has occurred in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both groups are surveying a number of fields in addition to the Military services.

If there has been integration in the Marine Corps Reserve in Delaware, would you tell us the specific Reserve units which Negroes have joined since May 1954. Please indicate the location and if this represents the first time Negroes have belonged to each of these units.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 18, 1956

Colonel John R. Lanigan
5th Marine Corps Reserve and
Recruitment District
Building No. 4, Henderson Hall
Arlington 8, Virginia

Dear Colonel Lanigan:

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the integration that has occurred in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both groups are surveying a number of fields in addition to the military services.

If there has been integration in the Marine Corps Reserve in your district, would you tell us the specific Reserve units which Negroes have joined since May 1954. Please indicate the location and if this represents the first time Negroes have belonged to each of these units.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 18, 1956

Colonel Walter R. Lytz
8th Marine Corps Reserve and
Recruitment District
6th Floor Lowich Building
2026 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Colonel Lytz :

The Southern Regional Council is inventorying the integration that has occurred in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 1954. Another group is making a similar survey for the remainder of the United States, and both groups are surveying a number of fields in addition to the military services.

If there has been integration in the Marine Corps Reserve in your district, would you tell us the specific Reserve units which Negroes have joined since May 1954. Please indicate the location and if this represents the first time Negroes have belonged to each of these units.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 18, 1956

Mr. Howard D. Roberts, Associate Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Howard:

Have received your two letters and thank you for all the information and kind remarks contained therein. I would like very much to be with you for your meeting, but unfortunately will be out in California, speaking for the San Francisco Civic Unity Council and the American Civil Liberties Union. There are many qualified people who could be the featured speakers at your meeting. One of John Hope's consultants might well be such a person, but I would suggest that you obtain someone from Florida. Two or three people come into mind almost immediately - Mrs. Charles Williams, national president of the Congress of Negro Teachers and Parents, c/o Booker T. Washington High School, Miami; Hollis Rinehart, prominent attorney, former chairman of the Dade County Council on Human Relations, c/o Ingraham Building, Miami; and Rev. Edward T. Graham, inspirational speaker, c/o Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Miami.

Obviously there are others of whom you can think, but any one of these three would do you proud. I think that it is marvelous that the Princess Issena Hotel is going to be open for the interracial meeting and I trust that you will fill the accomodations for the dinner to the limit.

My best regards to you and Bill and also Herb Davidson, and my sincere regrets to all that I cannot attend.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

May 21, 1956

Mr. Duncan Hunter — Daily file
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

We are delighted to have you. The first meeting for you is July 20-21 at Fregmore, which is to say Buford, South Carolina.

I knew that ultimately we would lose Bob Hughes, but I had been hoping that the blow would not fall soon. A mighty good man.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: GSA

May 21, 1956

Mr. Galen Martin
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

The February 1 Newsletter spoke of Arna Bontemps' book. I send you ours for your quickest reading. Get it back and we will send it to the Georgia Committee and on down the line. Extraordinary commendation will be meted out to that state office that reads the book the fastest and mails it back the quickest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Under Separate Cover:
Arna Bontemps' Story of the Negro

MEMO

May 21, 1956

TO: OSM

FROM: FBR

I had a conference and luncheon with Jack Panitz of the Joint Defense Appeal (see attached card) regarding fund-raising. He was of considerable help in defining the professional function of fund-raising and made the following points: Fund raising can divided into two separate types:

A. Direct appeal in which the organization goes out to raise funds itself by holding dinners, approaching funds and foundations and solicitation of organizations.

B. Indirect fund-raising in which application is made to Community Chests and other fund-raising organizations who will do the detailed footwork required in fund-raising.

In direct appeal the usual technique is to appoint a campaign committee, a campaign manager, and a group of lay people who will work with them in contacting interested persons. This sort of campaign usually culminates in an award dinner or an award meeting where some outstanding guest-of-honor is given an award by the organization for his good works in the field of human relations. The guest-of-honor should be an extremely well-known person, obviously deserving of an award, whose name will bring other prestige people to such a meeting. People attending the meeting would be asked to register and would be later solicited if they had not already given money during the campaign. The campaign manager should be an outstanding person with lots of drive, a person to whom it would be difficult to say "NO," when he asked for funds.

Mr. Panitz suggested we could hold a series of such meetings in the big cities of the South - Richmond, Charlotte, Atlanta, Miami, New Orleans, etc. He also suggested that we should go after large contributions - one hundred dollars and up - at these meetings, and ask for some donations of one thousand dollars.

Note: Mr. Panitz said it had been the experience of a large part of them of AJC and ADL that professional staff and lay Board members could not do an adequate job of fund-raising - that they had found it necessary to create the Joint Defense Appeal, a professional fund-raising arm of the organizations. He further said that to do a truly adequate job we should have a person on the staff who is a qualified fund-raiser and who would devote full-time to this function. To the degree that this is not possible we make more difficult the task of raising funds.

Mr. Panitz also suggested that it would be quite possible for us to obtain funds from Community Chests in such cities as New York, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, etc. He said an approach to these Community Chests, pointing out that this was a national problem - not just a Southern one - and that these large industrial cities had a stake in what happens down here because they are receiving so many immigrants from our region. He pointed out that his organization did request funds from several hundred Community Chests and that they do not always have a local organization in the community from which they request funds. He also said we should use

some of our influential friends in the North, such as Judge Waring, etc., to approach the Community Chests in cooperation with our staff fund-raiser, or to organize and hold dinners or affairs at which funds could be solicited among a very few, worthy people.

Note: He fully recognizes the difficulties in what is here suggested but also recognizes the extreme difficulty with which we have thus far met our minimum requirement to keep this organization alive. While I do not advocate that we adopt these suggestions in toto I would respectfully suggest that our Finance Committee and Executive Committee give some very careful consideration to these ideas. One statement that Mr. Panitz made that impressed me very much was, "Unless you think big, you cannot get big money." Thus far our Finance Committee has not thought "big."

FBR:mef

Dictated by FBR. Typed and delivered in his absence.

Copies: GSA, RHA, HCF

May 21, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Hotel Taft
Seventh Avenue at Fiftieth Street
New York, New York

Dear Marion:

Sorry Mrs. Wright has troubles.

Ed Lukas, American Jewish Committee, would be a good man to see. Address is 386 Fourth Avenue, telephone Murray Hill 5-0181. He has some plan up for giving us advice toward money-raising.

By all means go to see the Fund for the Republic at 60 East Forty-Second Street, Murray Hill 2-1250. Freeman or Loescher or Ferry would warmly welcome you.

Well if you were to hold a conversation with Sophie Van S. Theis, Secretary to the Doris Duke Foundation at 41 East Fifty-Seventh Street, Plaza 3-7231. They have helped us generously this year as you know. And she is always on the lookout for good ideas.

About the same should be said about Maxwell Hahn, the Field Foundation, Inc., 250 Park Avenue, Plaza 3-8797.

I have an application for $5,000 pending with the Christopher Reynolds Foundation, 11 West Forty-Second Street. This is a small one that Frank Loescher told me about. I asked them to help us recapture the cost in time and cash expense of entertaining the long stream of foreign visitors. The foundation's lawyer is Mr. Jack Clareman, and here's the letter I wrote him. I have been to see this man once. Since then I understand the trustees have met. I do not know what they did. I think you might help quite substantially by floating them to decision.

I may not have got word to you in all your travels that the New World Foundation did give us $17,000 to keep John Hope going, and have sent the check. They are so new that they have no office. And in any case I guess their headquarters is Washington, and the lawyer is with a firm in Chicago.

A project long lying around unattended is that for getting a list of expatriate Southerners in New York and asking them to help out. I never found a way to push that thing. Maybe you could. There are, of course, the state societies in New York, but I think they are mostly bad eggs.

Alex Miller, at the head office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, was in Atlanta for a year and knows us intimately and knows the fund raising picture in New York, and many other pictures too. Go and see him if you can at 515 Madison Avenue, Murray Hill 6-8010.

Well if you dropped by the NAACP. My closest friend there is Henry Lee Moon. Address is 20 West Fortieth Street, telephone Longacre 3-6890.

Harold will be writing you if he thinks of further useful people to see or things to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls: Copy of ltr to Jack Clareman
dtd 1/26/56
Copy of ltr from Field Foundation
dtd 10/21/54

May 21, 1956

Mrs. Keith Sheriff
155 East View Drive
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Sheriff:

Fred Routh of our office asked me to send you the material we have on integration in public libraries.

Enclosed is a copy of New South for January 1954 which concerned this subject. In addition, North Little Rock, Arkansas, Tulsa, Oklahoma and San Antonio, Texas have all integrated their public libraries.

If we can be of any additional help, please write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo
Encs.

May 21, 1956

Mr. Richard Bentley
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bentley:

This is a formal application to the New World Foundation for a grant to the Southern Regional Council to assist our program of Consultants' Services.

In the last year or so the Southern Regional Council has found itself armed with twelve on-going state organizations in the field of human relations, and unarmed with the funds to teach the state organizations what to do in the present crisis. Never mind how this situation came about; we asked for money well ahead but finally were in position to help when the problem had already overtaken the South.

After more than a year of this some of our ablest people began to come up with solution. They pointed out that one of the important and hardly tapped resources of the South and of the nation toward unravelling of the problem of integrating the schools is the knowledge and experience of the people skilled in social science practice, concentrated in the Negro universities. And a way to use these brains was suggested.

The plan is to employ as consultants seven or eight such people conveniently spaced. Most of the time they would stay where they are, teaching and working at their regular jobs, but, at times carefully planned out ahead, one or two of them would attend policy and training conferences within their general territorial areas. At these meetings would be the (volunteer) Board members of the state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council; state organizations' staff people; somebody from the Atlanta office; and sometimes, selected private citizens many of them having connections with the school systems. Such meetings would be for a single day; perhaps for two days. The consultants working with state staff people would draw the group along into policy objectives and understanding of techniques of implementation.

I point out some of the things this does: (1) in a society most unlikely to achieve this end by itself, it cuts a volcanic pipe up through all layers and brings out at the surface the eager diamond-like minds of mainly Negro persons at work in this field; (2) it provides living example of white and Negro persons working together on the same intellectual plane to solve a common problem. (I suspect that the mastery of this device is the whole content of the art of human relations!); (3) it responsibly enlists the thinking of respected and representative members of the minority said to be most concerned with the problems of integration; (4) it accustoms local officialdom to dealing with the fully developed and sophistically presented minority demand; and (5) it could hardly fail to open a resultful channel of communication between local people, most of them lay people, and the institutions from which the consultants would come.

We got hold of a most able person to carry the program, as Assistant Director of the Southern Regional Council. He is John Hope II. John Hope's father was president of Morehouse College and later the first president of Atlanta University. John himself has worked for a number of years with the Race Relations Department of the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Christian Church (serving at Fisk University). He put through mainly on his own researches the notable series of published studies on changing patterns of bi-racial employment in the South, done in 1953 and 1954 for the Committee of the South of the National Planning Association. This Committee was composed of Southerners active in agriculture, business, education, finance, government, industry, labor, the press and radio, under the chairmanship of the late J. Melville Broughton, former Governor of North Carolina and United States Senator. John Hope is a thoroughgoing and practical social scientist; a man widely acquainted in sociology and economics across the South; and a judicious fellow who gets things done; and gets them done judiciously.

He promptly tied on to his work the following consultants:

Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, Assistant Professor of Psychology City College of New York; Associate Director, Northside Center for Child Development, New York

Dr. A. Lee Coleman, Department of Sociology and Rural Sociology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

Dr. Robert Johnson, American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dr. William Jones, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

Dr. Lewis M. Killian, Department of Sociology, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

Dr. Hylan Lewis, Department of Sociology, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Benita Valien, Department of Sociology, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

Dr. Harry J. Walker, Department of Sociology, Howard University, Washington 1, D. C.

Dr. G. D. Wilson, Department of Education, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky

Mr. Whitney Young, Jr., Dean, Atlanta University School of Social Work, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia

These people merely agreed to come when summoned to meetings of our state people or to towns or situations that might need advice.

The next move was to consult the prospective consultants as to what they should do and get them to agree. Two conferences did that.

Then we began to move pairs of the consultants to carefully scheduled meetings, state by state, of the Board people and the staff people of our SRC-affiliated State Councils on Human Relations. This was the test. If our state people learned worthwhile things the program was working. If the state people thought it was flabby, it was.

Three such meetings have thus far been held.

Here is some account of each:

Virginia at Richmond, February 17 and 18, 1956

16 State Board members
John Hope and two consultants

Solid responsible Virginia people, important in their day-to-day responsibilities. They had a disturbed conscience. Virginia had not lived up to its tradition. The consultants were: Dr. Robert Johnson (the son of Dr. Charles S. Johnson at Fisk University, and presently attached to the American Friends Service Committee at Philadelphia) and Dr. Harry Walker, from Howard University. An almost chemical-like change took place when specialists and lay persons sat down together to plan effective methods of desegregating public schools. The consultants never said what to do but would ask "Have you thought of trying this...." or would say "When a similar situation developed in Baltimore we tried...." Faces lit up as recognition came on how a specialized skill might be applied to a local problem. The body of knowledgeable Virginians took fresh purpose and a sharpened aim from the experiences which the college teachers brought.

Arkansas at Little Rock, March 9 and 10, 1956

20 State Board members
John Hope and two consultants

The two consultants: Mrs. Bonita Valien, of Fisk University and Mr. Whitney Young, of Atlanta University. The consultants sketched in their experience and fields of competence. The group picked the minds of the consultants. No speeches. Problem was how to help communities toward desegregation. Labor and management, Urban League and NAACP, church women and clergymen, PTA mothers and college professors, talked back and forth about what and how to do. How do you work in a rural area where there isn't regular community organization structure; how do we find people and organizations on our side; how can the Arkansas Council best work with other agencies? How do we know when publicity is helpful, harmful? Result: a new perspective and a new intent. They caught a vision of Arkansas as a "Land of Opportunity" attainable for all.

Texas at Austin, March 16 and 17, 1956

18 Board members
2 staff members from Texas Commission on Race Relations
John Hope and two consultants

John Hope and C. H. Parrish from SRC itself. Mrs. Bonita Valien from Fisk University and Dr. A. L. Coleman from the University of Kentucky as the two consultants. They all began with a dinner meeting at the University of Texas Tea House - precincts Caucasian alone until a year or so ago. The Texas people felt futile in the face of the violent White Citizens' Council groups in East Texas and the obstructive efforts of the leading politicians. The team of consultants deftly queried the group ostensibly for clarification but also to break up the problems into manageable parts for constructive and systematic discussion next day. Thus handled, the body shifted toward the positive analytical step-by-step consideration of various specifics of the program. And this note carried through to the end of the workshop. Next day they "started in a run." Everybody chipped in. What the consultants were skilled at fitted together in a way that made possible intensive coverage of specific questions and answers about a wide range of separate problems. The questions were still coming when the consultants had to leave for their planes at 5:00. John Hope said, "It was a difficult meeting to close." It boosted the morale of the Board and staff members in Texas; made clear to them the particular things that they could do and how they could; sorted out what was the Board's business and what was the staff's business, and strengthened everybody's thinking as to ways of getting their program done.

Two other things we have to say and they are a little hard to get into words. Very important point that this device taps (and accustoms Southern people to the tapping) the best Negro brains. You well know that without such careful pre-contriving all the social science advice would be white and less keenly informed.

The other thing is a matter of evoking responsible community compliance with community-analyses made in camera. I never describe this matter without feeling at my back the ghost of its trade union side. The humblest union people are wise to fight like tigers for the right to be represented at bargaining sessions by persons of their own choosing. They need experts! So do Negro parents in many a Southern community. And you can't ask the local Negro school teachers. They wear harness.

In this transition the South is going to need persons who can be fully trusted by everyday Negro people to go into conferences with the local powers-that-be and come out with the most forward agreement practicable.

Here is the machinery that builds such a category of persons. And notice that it accustoms local school people to dealing with these able Negro social scientists. Almost always whenever there is a problem of sweeping change it is wisest to go about the change bit by bit, place by place. This is the instrument for discovering how to do it.

See what you have got: influential lay people in close and reasoning contact with the keenest students of the subject. Almost certainly out of this little furnace will come some superb practicioner of the art of unsegregating schools; and some persuasive arguments; and very probably a couple of good books.

We, ourselves, have put into this program a little better than $10,000. What is left of that will run us through the end of this month.

We think there is every justification for running this program on through the end of December of 1956. By that time we think we would have learned from pursuing this view where the next view of instructive experience lies.

Here is a budget for running the program from June 1 through December 31, 1956.

If the New World Foundation will consider carefully the grant to us in these terms, we will be exceedingly grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: Proposed Budget

PROPOSED BUDGET
(for 7 months)

1.	Chief consultant, John Hope II (per diem fees)	$4,000
2.	Research & Clerical Assistance	1,000
3.	Travel (Ass't Director for Program)	2,300
4.	Consultant Services & Travel	6,000
5.	Special Purpose Conferences, meetings, etc -- sub-regional staff conferences, strategic community meetings, etc. -- (excluding item 4) involving travel and other expenses of state staff and others mainly at state level.	2,300
6.	Administrative Overhead	1,500
7.	Other expenses -- supplies, office supplies and equipment, postage telephone, etc.	1,200
	TOTAL	$18,300

May 21, 1956

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

We have had acceptance of their election to the Executive Committee both from Mr. Braseal and from Duncan Hunter in Alabama.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: MAW

May 21, 1956

Mr. W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

I am glad you did what you did.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR plus incoming from Mr. Brooke
dtd 5/16/56

Ltr. mailed to Mr. Kaji
c/o Dean Harry J. Carman
701 Hamilton Hall
ColumbiaxUniversity
New York City (as perhis instructions)

May 21, 1956

Mr. Shinso Kaji
c/o The Commander Hotel
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Kaji:

Here are the pamphlets which your friend so kindly sent.

The other two pamphlets that you want are in with those if we could find them. If they are not in with those, you can get them from the National Planning Association, 1606 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. The head man there is named Howard Tolley. And a mighty good guy.

Incidentally, spread my warmest affection toward Harry Carman.

Do come to Atlanta if you possibly can.

The best informed man on the matter of Southern industrialization is Philip G. Hammer at 70 Fairlie Street here in Atlanta. He used to run the Committee of the South for the National Planning Association. Knows all the books and has most of them in his library.

I will still hope for Japan some sweet day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
(Pamphlets sent under separate cover this date)

May 21, 1956

Father Raymond Bernard, S. J.
Social Order
3908 Westminster Place
Saint Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Father Bernard:

I was out the other day to St. Louis for some meeting and telephoned to you, but had the ill luck to catch you away. Congratulations on the new essay contest!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. List of SRC affiliated organizations

P.S. If you will send several copies of the release to each of our state offices as here listed, they will help get the contest known.

May 21, 1956

The Lambeth Inn
Lake Junaluska,
North Carolina

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Lantz has me coming for his Conference to be at Junaluska the nights of June 6th and 7th. Will you try to save me a room these two nights.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1956

Mr. Cabell Phillips
Washington Correspondent
The New York Times
1701 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cabell:

Delighted to see the man Peter Kortewog if he hits here when I am here, which I hope will happen.

I am waiting for Sunday's New York Times to come in right now. Shall read the story with much interest.

Come back; it was a joy to have you. My best wishes to your nice wife.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Your new state law authorizing state paid snoopers looks productive of trouble.

I would like to have some lawyers look at the law as enacted.

Would you try what resources you may have toward getting hold of a copy of the law as passed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Philip Mettger
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Philip:

This confirms the message I left with your office today that I can't have lunch on Thursday because I am long promised to the custody of George Guernsey, AFL-CIO Education Department, National 8-3870. Guernsey, however, is not there until Thursday morning -- gone to North Carolina.

Understand from Guernsey's office that the luncheon is at Arnold's Restaurant, and I am sure you would be extra welcome. But I will come to see you in the course of Thursday morning the 24th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. William Brubeck
Administrative Assistant
to the Honorable Edith Green
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brubeck:

Many thanks for your letter of the 18th.

Unfortunately I haven't got a chance in the world of being in Washington on Tuesday, which would be tomorrow. My only precious day is the 24th.

Suppose I come to your office at 10:00 a.m. on the 24th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 21, 1956

Mr. L. H. Foster
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Foster:

How very grateful we are for that whole $130 that came in May 18th. As you well know it is always a mountainous task to put together the sums which foundations make you put together in order to claim your next installments from them. And we are just in the throes of counting each grain in the heap when in comes this noble contribution from the Executive Council of Tuskegee Institute.

We would like to provide a small token of gratitude and send subscriptions to New South to any three, four, five, or six people in the group whom you might suggest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official receipt $130

cc: RHA

May 22, 1956

Mrs. Rosalind Lawson
Droskyn
Victoria Road
Sidmouth
Devon, England

Dear Mrs. Lawson:

Here is a note for the man.

I have been corresponding with your husband who seems to be left behind.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 22, 1956

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mrs. Rosalind Lawson was employed as a typist in this office from November 21-December 23, 1955, and from February 16 - March 15, 1956. She was exceptionally fast and accurate as a typist; quick to learn related office skills; and loyal and obliging as an employee. We commend her most highly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 22, 1956

Dictated May 21

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

The Virginia clippings were most helpful, and I am grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 22, 1956

Dictated May 21

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

We have been waiting for your list of prospects, and as soon as we get it we will send them promotional things.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Under separate cover: "Greenville's Big Idea"
"Greenville's Big Idea Grows"

May 22, 1956

Mrs. Arthur Fabrick
26 Canterbury Road
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Fabrick:

I am glad you are moving ahead.

Well if you were in touch with Harry Jones, who is Executive Director of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, at 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte; telephone number Franklin 6-8333. He is good at planning institutes, etc.

The best idea we can give you is that of the community self-survey. I send you the Greenville, South Carolina short form report, and a copy of the manual on how to do these surveys.* There isn't time to tell you all the story, but the real point is that if you get people to work together on finding the places where growth is needed in the community, you fetch people and progress.

You could do part of it by getting the city school board to impanel a bi-racial committee to find the facts on the schools and figure out what to do.

I could come up sometime but it would cost you my travel. Alternatively I am to be at Junaluska June 6, 7, and 8 at a meeting of the Ecumenical Institute. I don't know exactly where I will stay, but I hope it will be at the Lambeth Inn. Glad to converse then if you or anybody else wants to come over at that time.

Alternatively, in the late afternoon of the 8th I should be driving through Asheville and could stop and see you, but will be much pressed for time then.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

*We are out of the manual. I send you something else, but it does not tell you how to do it.

May 22, 1956

Mr. E. W. Lawson
The Emmanuel Baptist Church
Hillside and Eastern Avenues
Malden 48, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lawson:

I send you separately New South for the last year. I expect you can find some good things in it.

You will be helped also by the collection of our earlier publications now called Changing Patterns in the New South.

If you can find about $1.00, you ought to send it to us to cover these.

I, myself, think that the fundamental factor is that the South has in the last run of years changed from a plantation to an industrial economy. A plantation economy runs on one set of rules and an industrial economy runs on another. It takes people a while to adjust to the rules they need to run this one on. Particularly when for numerous reasons our politics are operated by our surviving plantation belt. But in the not-so-long run the material changes underneath will produce a change in habits.

You and I, I am sure, would have links. I know about Newton and other places we would both have experiences of.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 22, 1956

Mr. D. P. Patterson
Tuskegee Institute,
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Following our conversation yesterday morning this is to let you know the Birmingham meeting of Church Women will be at the Church of the Advent (downtown). The entrance is at 2015 Sixth Avenue North. I hope you will find it entirely possible to be with us. In the meantime, I am sending you under separate cover some Gleanings from the meetings of the Church Women on the question of the Supreme Court decision on schools, that you might be familiar with what they are attempting.

Sincerely hope to see you at Birmingham.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

May 22, 1956

Mr. R. C. Boyce
Guilford Building, Inc.
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Boyce:

Nice to have your letter.

The grey leaflet called "Southern Regional Council" gives many facts in short space. The red and grey one called Changing Patterns excerpts the best of what we have printed in the last seven or eight years. And the last three or four copies of New South give current views.

We have a North Carolina affiliate called the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. Harry Jones is the Director at 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte.

Tartt Bell in your city knows us well, and many other Greensboro people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Under separate cover:
Grey Leaflet
Changing Patterns in the New South
New South, March through May, '56

May 22, 1956

Mr. Richard Bentley
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bentley:

We are exceedingly grateful for your letter of May 16th and its accompanying check for $17,000, being a grant of funds to assist our Consultants' Service program for the period June 1 - December 31, 1956.

We will report with regularity our progress.

Here is an official receipt.

At the request of Mrs. Gilbert Harrison I have sent copies of the formal request to you, to Dr. Lee, to Miss Taylor, Mr. Hoehler, and Mrs. Harrison.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official receipt $17,000

May 22, 1956

Mr. Willis A. Sutton, Jr.
University of Kentucky
College of Arts and Sciences
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Good news that you think you can scratch up a feelette for my appearances. Whatever you and Jaimie Wolfe agree on I will do.

I will get up yonder Sunday night the 17th and will stay on through the 22nd.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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May 22, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

We are making arrangements to secure a speaker for your meeting. You will need to pay one-third of travel expenses for speaker. Will furnish name of speaker as soon as arrangements are completed.

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council

GSA:mef

May 22, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Hotel Taft
Seventh Avenue at Fiftieth Street
New York, New York

Dear Marion:

Fay Bennett is Executive Secretary of the National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc., at 112 East Nineteenth Street, New York 3, ALgonquin 4-4955.

She has ideas about how we could raise money through mail appeals.

If you could see her that would help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: HCF

May 22, 1956

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Frank S. Loescher

From: Harold C. Fleming

Subject: SRC's Southern industrial study

This is a brief summary of the Southern economic survey undertaken for us by Hammer and Company as part of the special fact-finding program made possible by the Fund's recent grant. When we discussed this in New York last week, you suggested that the Fund's information specialists might be willing to help us get maximum impact from the findings of this survey. I am sending this along to acquaint you and them with the nature of the project.

The basic objective is to throw some light on the possible correlation (or lack of correlation) between new plant location and race relations in the South. The findings should provide a factual basis for a realistic appraisal of the possible influence of racial tensions on industrialization of the region. Moreover, it will yield information about the growth of the Southern economy that the industrial development people themselves do not now have. Thus a great many influential people, in the South and elsewhere whose primary concern is not the race

question will be profoundly interested in the results of our survey.

The method of the survey is pretty well summarized in the following paragraphs from the prospectus prepared by Phil Hammer:

> The truth is that very little has been pulled together on the pattern of industrialization within the region. We first need to know what kind of industry has been moving South and where it has been going. We propose to do this by getting a complete list of new plants that have entered the region in the ten-year period between 1946 and 1955, inclusive, showing the name and type of plant, employment (or range of employment), location, and affiliation (branch or local operation). This list of firms would then be distributed into various county groups classified as to the degree of urbanization, Negro ratio, previous industrialization, Negro voting, and cultural patterns.
>
> This essentially statistical analysis might yield some extremely important information. It would show us what kind of industry is going where -- whether the "new type" industry with its higher payrolls and profits is following the same pattern of location as the "old type" industry, whether the locational pattern is breaking into areas which were formerly rural and agricultural rather than urban and industrial, whether there is a tendency for different types of industry to avoid areas of heavy Negro population, and a wide variety of similar questions. It might well be that this statistical analysis would in itself yield clean-cut results from which rather clear conclusions might be drawn with respect to possible correlation between new industry and the incidence of the Negro.
>
> On the other hand, this statistical analysis might be most helpful primarily as background for a qualitative rather than a quantitative appraisal. By taking the counties or sub-areas in which the greatest industrialization has taken place, we might make a more intensive study of the patterns of race relations within those areas, utilizing all available information at the Southern Regional Council and additional information that might be brought to bear in these specific cases....
>
> I am confident that the results will be immediately useful for the purposes at hand, but I would definitely feel that the effort would be justified even in terms of simply adding to our background knowledge of what is happening within the region. There is a great deal of loose thinking about industrialization and this will help fill in some of the gaps in our knowledge. I might add that the evidence produced by this survey will also be directly pertinent to the manpower problem which, in the long run, might well be the determining factor in the race relations situation.

The deadline for completion of this fact-finding is no later than

September 1st, and our interpretation would be finished up as quickly as possible after that - a matter of a few weeks.

While there is no certainty as to what we will find, I am sure the results will be significant, in national as well as Southern terms. I will keep you advised, of course, as the survey progresses.

HCF:mbo

May 22, 1956

Professor Harry Roberts
Department of Sociology
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Roberts:

This is to solicit your advice and, hopefully, your participation in a survey of Negro suffrage in the South which we are undertaking.

The attached statements summarize fairly completely the nature of the project. I might only add that we are thinking of the summer months as the period of fact-finding, with the first of September as a tentative deadline for the results. Obviously within these limits of time and resources we cannot hope to assemble findings that will come up to professional standards of social science research. However, we feel that information in this area of Southern life is so urgently needed that a less formal and more opportunistic survey is justified. We know that this means settling for fragmentary and impressionistic data in many instances.

When you have had a chance to look over these few pages, I should greatly appreciate your writing me or calling me collect (Walnut 7963 or Walnut 1821) so that I may have the benefit of your reaction. If it should be possible for you, on this late notice, to direct the Virginia part of the survey, we should consider ourselves most fortunate. If not, your recommendations as to a likely chief consultant would be greatly valued.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

AIRMAIL

May 22, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

Many thanks for the hospitality and pleasant conversation when I was in New York. I have read with much interest the material you lent me and I'm returning separately, first class, those items which you wanted back.

I spent about two hours Friday with Vinton Ziegler discussing his proposed project. While the general underlying notion - that of bringing to bear national prestige figures in a spirit of reconciliation - is appealing, I have some very grave doubts about the details of the proposal. The problem as I see it is Ziegler's lack of understanding of what is happening in the South, and a big push along the lines he is considering might well lead to disillusionment or worse. I learned from George Mitchell that his reaction was much the same. I won't undertake a detailed analysis of the proposal here, but I would welcome a chance to discuss it with you further if the occasion arises, before you leave for Africa.

As you may know by now, Marion Wright is in New York at the Taft Hotel. If he can make himself useful in any way, I know he would like to. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 22, 1956

Professor Donald S. Strong
Department of Political Science
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Strong:

This is to solicit your advice and, hopefully, your participation in a survey of Negro suffrage in the South which we are undertaking.

The attached statements summarize fairly completely the nature of the project. I might only add that we are thinking of the summer months as the period of fact-finding, with the 1st of September as a tentative deadline for the results. Obviously within these limits of time and resources we cannot hope to assemble findings that will come up to professional standards of social science research. However, we feel that information in this area of Southern life is so urgently needed that a less formal and more opportunistic survey is justified. We know that this means settling for fragmentary and impressionistic data in many instances.

When you have had a chance to look over these few pages, I should greatly appreciate your writing me or calling me collect (Walnut 7963 or Walnut 1821) so that I may have the benefit of your reaction. If it should be possible for you, on this late notice, to direct the Alabama part of the survey, we should consider ourselves most fortunate. If not, your recommendations as to a likely chief consultant would be greatly valued.

I have just finished reading your report on "Registration of Voters in Alabama." It is an excellent job and could hardly be more timely.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:o
Enc.

May 22, 1956

Professor Forrest La Violette
Tulane University of Louisiana
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. La Violette:

This is to solicit your advice and, hopefully, your participation in a survey of Negro suffrage in the South which we are undertaking.

The attached statements summarize fairly completely the nature of the project. I might only add that we are thinking of the summer months as the period of fact-finding, with the first of September as a tentative deadline for the results. Obviously within these limits of time and resources we cannot hope to assemble findings that will come up to professional standards of social science research. However, we feel that information in this area of Southern life is so urgently needed that a less formal and more opportunistic survey is justified. We know that this means settling for fragmentary and impressionistic data in many instances.

When you have had a chance to look over these few pages, I should greatly appreciate your writing me or calling me collect (Walnut 7963 or Walnut 1821) so that I may have the benefit of your reaction. If it should be possible for you, on this late notice, to direct the Louisiana part of the survey, we should consider ourselves most fortunate. If not, your recommendations as to a likely chief consultant would be greatly valued.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

May 22, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

All of us here like the first issue of the Fund's Bulletin very much and would like to distribute copies to our Board members and the key people in the state organizations. Would it be possible for you to supply us with 2,000 copies for this purpose?

With apologies for dealing with two matters in one letter, a word about the forthcoming pamphlet containing the speeches of Faulkner, Mays and Sims. Bell Wiley tells me that he will need 2,500 copies for the Southern Historical Association mailing list. Our standard mailing list is about 5,000. If you are looking for a useful way to use 2,500 copies of your quota of 5,000, we submit our mailing list for consideration. Otherwise, I will send you the full 5,000 copies due the Fund under the original agreement.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 22, 1956

Mr. G. Ross Freeman
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Freeman:

When you get straightened out about the Town and Country Seminar I could be around much of July 18 and 19, but I would have to be gone the afternoon of the 19th -- driving over to South Carolina for some meetings over there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 22, 1956

Mr. Richard V. Woodruff
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

Will be up there Thursday morning around 9:15, and will hope to see you.

Hynd was a honey. Quite the best for a long time. I can tell when they catch on, and he caught on.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 22, 1956

Rabbi Roland Gitteleson
Longwood Avenue at Plymouth
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Rabbi Gitteleson:

Before I ask this favor of you I want to thank you for the greeting cards that you have sent me from year to year. They have been deeply appreciated.

As you know, our South is very much disturbed now over the Supreme Court decision on schools. Knowing that the Southern women have always been equal to every crisis that has come up, I have been busy through the Southern Regional Council in South-wide and State meetings of the leadership of the women church organizations of the three faiths, of the two races. We have provided them with a workbook for the meetings and in it have had three worship services, one by a Protestant minister, one by a rabbi, and one by a Catholic priest. Now I am coming to my request to you. Will you write the one for us to use at the South-wide meeting in September and then to be used in the State meetings, along the line of human relations? Something that would strengthen the convictions and courage of our women who find it rather difficult sometimes to remain steady.

I know that you are very busy but perhaps you can find time to render this great service, not only to me, but also to our South. Serving with you on the President's Committee I know you have the feel of the heart hunger of people and also of their weaknesses. Our Southern women are like that. They know what is right but oftentimes do not have the courage of their convictions. Coming together across national and faith lines gives them courage and to that end I am bending my every effort.

The best of wishes to you, and very appreciative of your friendship, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

May 22, 1956

Mr. J. Rupert Picott
Executive Secretary
Virginia Teachers Association
Clay Street at Fourth
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Picott:

Most earnestly do put before the Virginia Teachers Association a proposal to help the Southern Regional Council. Unless that went through, very little would. But do try to contrive a way to get us before all of the other groups also.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 22, 1956

RHA:

I think we would be justified in charging $1,500 to central office administrative overhead from the $17,000 from the New World Foundation. This covers the period June 1 - December 31, 1956.

eab/

May 22, 1956

Mr. Benjamin Segal
1820 Jefferson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

I sure do like your grapevine.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 22, 1956

(Dictated May 21)

Mrs. Gilbert Harrison
3556 Macomb Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nancy Harrison:

Here comes up the formal letter. It has been duly sent around to the others.

And today we got Mr. Bentley's noble check, and I shall be mailing him a receipt tomorrow.

We were in a barrel about to try Niagara Falls, and you fetched us back!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. ltr to Mr. Richard Bentley dtd 5/21/56

May 22, 1956

Miss Fay Bennett
Executive Secretary
National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.
112 East Nineteenth Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Fay:

We have had a couple of discussions about your letter of April 16th on the matter of appeals to fetch in money.

We all agree that we ought to work at it by individual solicitation by mail. We will make up a plan and proceed with it.

I do, from time to time, see Aubrey Williams' mailings. They lost their tax-exemption (I think on quite insufficient grounds) and so they are confined to fetching in money by such appeals. We barely make the grade each year using our tax-exemption to the fullest, and we will need the other resources.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: HCF

May 22, 1956

Dictated May 21

Mr. Albert Vorspan
Executive Director
Commission on Social Action
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Vorspan:

We all thought your memo of April 24th a most perceiving and statesmanlike document.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 22, 1956

Dictated May 21

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
Board of Christian Education
of the Presbyterian Church
in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Sissel:

I had a good time in Charleston and I appreciate all you did.

Spent an hour or so this morning with Willard, and we are moving along toward your schedule.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 22, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Emil Bergen
Joint Defense Appeal
300 West Forty-Third Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Bergen:

This confirms my telephone communication this morning to your secretary to say that we hoped you would come to see Harold Fleming at SRC in Atlanta May 24th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 22, 1956

Fred Fuges
Director of Rights of
Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Fred Fuges:

I have been in touch with the Director of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, Mrs. Alice Spearman at 1508 Lady Street in Columbia about your letter of May 17th and the people at Elloree.

Mrs. Spearman will write to you directly about them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

AIRMAIL

May 23, 1956

Mr. William E. Byerly
337 S. E. 46th Street
Oklahoma City 9, Okla.

Dear Mr. Byerly:

Thank you for your letter of May 21st bringing me up to date on your efforts. I hope you were successful in finding a typist and we can look forward to receiving your findings within the next day or so.

We have completed the fact-finding for the seventeen states and we are in the process of putting together a final report on the project. On the whole, we discovered a gratifying number of positive developments since May 1954, and I am in the hopes that the published report will boost the morale and stiffen the spine of a good many people in the south and elsewhere. I shall expect to receive an accounting of your working time and expenses along with the initial report.

It is encouraging to know of the continued interest which you and other members of your Meeting have in this field. If you are able to round out your report on Oklahoma, it may well be that it will have considerable value to action programs in the state. Certainly we will be interested in seeing such further information as you turn out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

May 23, 1956

Dr. O. D. Duncan, Head
Department of Sociology and Rural Life
Oklahoma Agricultural & Mechanical College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O.D.:

It was very good of you to take time out from a busy schedule to give Mr. Byerly further guidance and to write me about his efforts. Your cautions are well taken, and I was on the verge of writing him when a letter came in saying that his findings were ready for the typist and should be along presently. He also said that he and possibly others of his Friend's Meeting will want to run down further information of this sort on their own hook but for our benefit as well. He sounds like an interesting and dedicated type of person.

I will be sending you a copy of the full report on our desegregation survey as soon as it is out. Meanwhile warm thanks for all your help and the very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

Personal

May 23, 1956

Mr. Arthur Morse
Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.
485 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Arthur:

I was sorry too we couldn't get together, but no harm done.

I found your letter most interesting. I won't comment further except to say that your idea is exciting and that we are prepared to be helpful if we can.

Your address for the summer fills me with envy. I will write you there if I get any brain storms.

All the best to you and the family.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

May 23, 1956

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Ed:

That was a whirlwind trip to New York. I had no real hope of seeing you, but I was reluctant to leave without making an attempt to check in by telephone.

There are a good many ideas that I would welcome a chance to talk over with you but they will have to wait until one of us is in the others territory again. Meanwhile very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 23, 1956

Mr. Benjamin Oko
203 B James Hall
Amherst College
Amherst, Mass.

Dear Mr. Oko:

Thank you for your letter concerning your summer plans. As I told Ben, we haven't got a precise assignment. But when you have finished your work with the T.W.U., we can familiarize you with the work of this office and of our various state affiliates, and I am sure there are ways that we can be mutually useful.

I will be expecting to hear from you when your plans have shaped up more definitely.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 23, 1956

Miss Marnesba M. Hill
Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont

Dear Marnesba:

Your father had told me that you would be in Atlanta again this summer and were interested in the possibility of a temporary job. Unfortunately as you may have heard already from Dr. Mitchell or Mrs. Alexander, nothing has opened up. We remember pleasantly your stint with us last year and I am sorry that we can't repeat the experience this summer.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 23, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

A reminder card keeps turning up on my desk indicating that the original manuscript by Earl Brewer I sent you last fall has not yet been returned.

If this is in error, please let me know. Otherwise, the little card will keep hopping up until the manuscript is back.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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May 23, 1956

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Frank S. Loescher

From: Harold C. Fleming

I return the enclosed intra-office material on Hazel B. Smith.

We have followed her case somewhat, and have admired her various campaigns against injustice. Obviously what she needs is outright assistance in paying off her present attorney's fees and court expenses, rather than a job. The idea of SRC engaging her has two great drawbacks; one, she presumably has her hands full with two newspapers to get out; two, although she has opposed certain acts of racial injustice, she is not publicly committed to the cause of desegregation, and identification with SRC could probably liquidate her completely in that county.

If we see a chance to enlist her services at a price, we will act on it but I really think the answer to her situation is either an outright subsidy from some group with a legal aid function or a cash award for outstanding journalism from some one of the newspaper societies which regularly give them. Anything other than these two forms of help would be more likely to destroy her than to save her.

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AIRMAIL

May 23, 1956

Dr. Tilman C. Cothran
Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Cothran:

Thank you for your letter confirming your willingness to direct the Arkansas survey of Negro suffrage. As you get under way, I shall be glad to hear from you concerning any special questions or problems which may arise.

I shall be sending you shortly, voucher forms to be used for expenses and consultant fees in connection with the study.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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May 23, 1956

Mr. Joseph F. Heath, Regional Director
AFL-CIO Region No. 4
1216 E. Baltimore Street
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Heath:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter in regly to our query of April 20th. We have not yet finally closed the books on our survey and it is a great help to us to have your reply at this time.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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To: Mr. Frank S. Loescher

Subject: South Carolina teachers

The Rights of Conscience people are probably aware of this situation. It might be something they can help on. McCain has sent us copies of the official questionnaire and other information bearing on this segregation loyalty program.

If you have time you might let me know whether the teachers who elect to fight their dismissal legally can properly appeal to the Rights of Conscience group for assistance.

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May 23, 1956

Dr. R. Wayne Kernodle, Chairman
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Kernodle:

Thanks for your very helpful letter. I hope to enlist either Dr. Gregory or Mr. Roberts for our survey of Negro suffrage in Virginia.

I'm sorry we couldn't work together on this project but perhaps we will have better luck in the future.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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AIRMAIL

May 23, 1956

Dr. Louis C. Kesselman, Chairman
Department of Political Science
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Kesselman:

I am delighted that you find it possible to serve as chief consultant for the Negro suffrage study in Kentucky.

I quite understand that Kentucky, with its sparse and scattered Negro population, may present some special difficulties of its own. Your suggestion that the several state studies use comparable methods in arriving at estimates of registration and voting certainly makes sense. Unfortunately, however, I know of no uniform method to propose. In many of the states there is nothing to go on except the first hand knowledge and observation of key people in the state and in the various counties being researched. If you can suggest some basis for consistency which we might follow, I would be grateful.

I will be sending you shortly some compensation and travel expense blanks for use by you and others who may work on the project. Field workers and others employed by you should claim their fees and expenses on the form provided, the form should then be approved and counter-signed by you and then forwarded to this office for my attention. Checks will be mailed directly from here to the person submitting the voucher.

As you get further into the project, I will look forward to hearing from you about any further questions or suggestions that occur to you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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May 23, 1956

Mr. M. B. Satterfield
Atlanta Housing Authority
Trust Company of Georgia Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sat:

Following up our telephone conversation, here are the several suggestions of further people to see in connection with the proposed housing study. I thought you might as well put them in your file for further reference.

1. The Russell Sage Foundation
   New York City
   (Key person: Donald Young)

2. Twentieth Century Fund
   New York City
   (Key person: August Heckscher)

Also suggested as good men to talk to are Professor Robert K. Merton at Columbia University and Charles Abrams, the New York housing official.

Sincerely,

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May 23, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Whitney Young, Dean of Atlanta University School of Social Work, and SRC Consultant, has consented to address meeting on May 30.

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council

GSA:mef

Copy: Mrs. Lovecky

May 23, 1956

Miss Marion Perry
c/o Mrs. Roger Shuttleworth
238 Williams Street
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Miss Perry:

Some days ago I received a letter from Mrs. Lovecky of the John Hay Whitney Foundation asking me to give you some information about our Fellowship of the Concerned. I have been out of the office so much recently that this letter has remained unanswered until now. Our Fellowship of the Concerned is Southern church women concerned about things that happen in the South. It has been coming together for a good many years whenever there has been a crisis. This group of women represent the church leadership of the three faiths and they are of both races. I think I can best let you know what we are doing by sending you some Gleanings from the workshop just held in Columbia, South Carolina and the one in Montgomery. We have found that no one group can do very much alone, but a united effort of consecrated people can move mountains.

I regret that you are having trouble in New Jersey, for we do look to our Northern States to aid us in solving our problems. What I send you may not help you, but it does give you some idea of what we are doing.

Wishing you success in this problem you are facing, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Enclosures/usc

May 23, 1956

Dr. Preston Valien
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Valien:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Dr. Mitchell concerning your study of economic protest in Montgomery and possibly elsewhere. I am sure the analysis of the Montgomery data will be extremely interesting and useful and I am looking forward to seeing a copy when it is published.

John Hope is passing along your specific questions about the Jasper, South Carolina situation. We hope to send you some useful answers from our state people shortly.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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May 23, 1956

Miss Ruth M. Davis
Public Relations Department
The Reporter
136 East 57th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Davis:

Thanks for calling Doug Cater's article on the Citizens' Councils to my attention. I saw Doug when he had just completed his field work for it and I thought it was a very interesting job. Obviously the simplest thing would be for the members of our affiliate state groups to subscribe to the Reporter.

Because of the timing of our monthly mailings, the reprints of the Thrasher article were only recently mailed out. I will pass along to you any reactions that we receive, but hope the principal response will be felt by your Circulation Department.

Sincerely,

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May 23, 1956

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

We were greatly pleased with your offer to be helpful to us on advice about raising money. Fred Routh was pretty clear that you had thought maybe your people could help our people state by state. Then you wrote us and said no but Mr. Bergen would come to Atlanta. Today Mr. Bergen writes us and says he isn't coming to Atlanta now or in the foreseeable future on account of a last minute change in plans.

It was a good plan and it would still work. Will you try to dig around it a little and see if you can make it grow up again?

Sincerely,

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May 23, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Hotel Taft
Seventh Avenue and Fiftieth Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Marion:

We have been dickering with one Emil Bergen, theoretically handed to us by Ed Lukas in the American Jewish Committee, to advise us on how to raise money. Bergen was to be in Atlanta tomorrow. He writes us today that he can't come to Atlanta on account of a last minute change in plans.

Could you maybe go and see Bergen and pick his mind in New York? He hangs out at the Joint Defense Appeal, 300 West Forty-Third Street, JUdson 6-2700.

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Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

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Reverend Edwin G. Kloppe
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

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63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

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1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

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1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

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303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

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Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

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Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

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Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
Presbyterian Committee on Woman's Work
341-A Ponce De Leon Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Annie Tait:

The September meeting is shaping up very well. The dates I hope you are guarding are September 27-28. Please give me your key women in each of the following States: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. We will have transportation and entertainment for them.

Under separate cover I am sending you the Gleanings of the Montgomery and Columbia workshops. I know you will particularly enjoy the one from Montgomery and note that the presiding officers were Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Adair. Mrs. Adair is under indictment for the bus boycott. As I told you, there was no mention that day of their own sufferings and troubles. They lost themselves in something bigger as they were searching for ways of peaceful living together.

With every good wish to you,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

Enclosures, usc

From Pulse of the Public
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia
January 18, 1956

'Integration Argument Is Comical At Times'

The controversy of Georgia's official legal brains with the NAACP reminds me of an incident that occured years ago.

Hearing children's angry voices, I looked out of the window to see what was the trouble. On the sidewalk stood a small Negro boy with arms folded as another small boy heaped invectives upon him. When his friend paused for breath, conclusively he asked, "Is you fru? Den, all dese tings youse been calling me, you is."

Addie Stoker Mitchell, Rome

May 23, 1956

Mr. Edward P. Morgan
4461 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Letters have a way of lying on my desk unanswered because I am away so much. This is my apology for not answering your letter that interested me very much.

I could almost answer "yes" to every question you ask, but I will take them one by one:

1. I am not quite sure that President Eisenhower would know how to have a Fireside Chat, but, if so, it would, I believe, aid very much to ease the tensions if he spoke along the lines you suggested.

2. I do agree that a bi-partisan commission, guided by the President, not created by Congress, made up by the group you suggested, would be the "soundest long-run business policy and it might have a great effect" (quoting your letter).

3. The Department of Justice is not doing enough in investigating the violations of Constitutional rights. I do not believe this is altogether the fault of the Department, but rather because of the smallness of the staff. I served on President Truman's Committee and know how much pours over the desk in the Department. I am often frustrated here when we get no action in wanton violations, but I remember all the time that unless there can be more funds and more personnel in the Department, we have to accept conditions as they are.

4. I think the Citizen's Councils, while perhaps they are gaining ground, are really of passing moment, as the Black Shirts and the Klans in their day.

5. Peaceful resistance always wins in the long run and while the passive resistance has not spread, it has certainly had its salutary effects, for the State governments are realizing the same thing might happen in other places besides Montgomery.

I do not believe that I have given you anything worth quoting. A national broadcast using my name would certainly not make it any easier for me to work in the South.

With apologies for the long delay in answering your letter, I remain

Yours sincerely,

MET:mf

(Mrs.) M.E. Tilly, Director of Women's Work

May 23, 1956

Dr. A. C. Miller
Christian Life Commission
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

We are bringing together women of the South as we did the Alabama women when you were with us last year. The dates we have chosen are September 27th and 28th. We want you to be with us both days, speaking to us on the 27th, standing by all through those two days and evening, pulling us back on the path of righteousness when our discussion makes us wander away and we become heated, giving us advise as we plan our program of action.

I know that you are busy and have a big task in your own Church, but we do need you and hope you can arrange your schedule so that you can be with us.

You know the Southern Regional Council has limited funds, but we do have travel and entertainment expense funds for you. You would be invaluable to us and worth the largest honorarium ever given anyone and we can only give it to you in thanks from the whole group present. These women will come from the following States: Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. They will be Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, and of both races - the leaders of our Southern States.

You have been a great help to me and I am appreciative. Trutsing you may render this service to us and our South, I would appreciate an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mmf

AIRMAIL

May 23, 1956

Mr. Maxwell Stewart
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Maxwell:

This is a hasty note to assure you I have not forgotten about the segregation pamphlet. The deadline for our desegregation survey, which I mentioned in my last letter was pushed back by various complications, thus affecting all my deadlines. I am working on it, however, and hope to have something for you soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 23, 1956

Mr. Lewis M. Killian
Department of Sociology
The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Lewis:

Many thanks for the manuscript which came as a sort of unearned bonus. It is a clear, incisive analysis of the fallacies of the delaying position, and I am enthusiastic about it. We plan to use it in the next regular issue of New South. (We are considering a special pamphlet issue for June.)

Incidentally, I will be sending you shortly some voucher forms for expenses and fees in connection with the voting study.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 23, 1956

Mr. Arthur S. Miller
Lamar School of Law
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Miller:

Many thanks for the article on interposition which you have also sent to George Hunton. This is by all odds the clearest statement I have seen on what the interposition ballyhoo really means. As you know Hunton and I agreed on joint use, and we plan to use the article in an early issue of New South.

With appreciation and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 24, 1956

Director
Intergroup Workshop
Seventh Institute on Human Relations &
Intergroup Understanding
American University
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

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Florida Southern College
Lakeland, Florida

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Human Relations Problems in Administration,
Supervision and Instruction
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

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Macon, Georgia

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Lexington, Kentucky

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Director
Intergroup Workshop
Fifth Annual Institute in Human Relations
and Group Guidance
St. Louis University
St. Louis, Missouri

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Director
Intergroup Workshop
Statesmanship in National Crisis -
The Moral Challenge in Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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San Antonio, Texas

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Dallas, Texas

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Austin, Texas

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AIRMAIL

May 24, 1956

Mr. David Loth
Hudson Terrace
Piermont, New York

Dear Dave:

Many thanks for the D.C. material. I think it reads very well and will contribute to the usefulness of the report.

We are using approximately the same scheme of organization as you have - that is, the subject matter categories with special instances arranged by states in each category. Margaret Price is putting the final touches on her work this week. I should complete the final drafting of the introductory material and general editing within a very few days.

I am sorry to hear that Colliers has lost interest. I hope you will find another outlet for a summary article, and I especially hope that you will be successful in arranging for a paper back publication.

I talked with Frank Loescher today and gathered that they are well pleased with your work. I too think it is a good clean-cut job. It did seem to me that your findings justify a more positive note than you sounded in your introduction. Pretty clearly the trend toward integration is moving strongly in American society, and your findings bear that out sufficiently to justify a pretty positive tone in your summary introduction. In any case, I am sure your report will give the trend a healthy boost, as I hope ours will.

I enjoyed our talk in New York and hope I will see you again before our joint project fades into obscurity.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

May 24, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Taft Hotel
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for letting me read the Penn Board's Foundation proposal, which I am returning herewith. It is a well prepared document, and I have no difficulty in recognizing the style.

I talked with Frank Loescher today and he told me of your conversation with him about this and other matters.

I hope Mrs. Wright is doing well and that we may hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
enc.

May 24, 1956

Mr. J. T. McCain, Associate Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr. McCain:

Dr. Preston Valien of Fisk University is doing a study of passive resistance mainly based on the Montgomery bus boycott. Dr. Mitchell mentioned to him the developments in Jasper County, South Carolina, and Dr. Valien sent to us the attached list of questions.

To the extent that you can answer them, I am sure that the Fisk study would be benefitted. If you will send to me such information as you have, I will pass it on to Dr. Valien.

On another topic, I read with concern the information you sent concerning the suspended teachers of Elloree. If any of the teachers are planning to fight their dismissal by legal means, a possible source of financial aid would be the new Rights of Conscience group established by the American Friends Service Committee. The aim of this group is to assist persons who refuse to comply with measures which violate their conscientious principles. The man to be addressed is Mr. Fred Fuges, Rights of Conscience, American Friends Service Committee, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania.

I look forward to hearing from you on both these matters.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
enc.

May 24, 1956

Mr. William Gordon
Managing Editor
The Atlanta Daily World
210 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bill:

Here's dope about the man Menzel who will be in town May 28th, and whom I will shoo down to you at 10:30 that morning.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 24, 1956

(Dictated May 23)

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I think the air mail should have been enclosures on the Overman proposal for studying the role of churches in desegregation reached me ahead of a letter aimed by you at me May 22nd.

Not having your letter I am somewhat in the dark, but I can see from your memo of May 8th what sort of thing is proposed.

Practically all the churches have said the right thing.

From here on out it is an internal church matter for each denomination to cause its centrally spoken doctrines to come to life in local churches. I can't see that studies do much for that.

Conferences help, and travel by denominational people helps, but about the most that would happen from studies would be that a few studious parsons would preach brightly on the subject. And blessed few parsons have the courage to preach on the subject at all. And not many would be emboldened by the results of the study.

Also I am a little repelled by the idea of a two-year study. Two years is a long time in this movement. If when I get your letter I have cause to differ from this reply, I will then differ. Meanwhile, as I am to be out for a few days I hasten to get off this script.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P. S. Calhoun came by yesterday and got his manuscript. Says he has had favorable nibbles from Harpers. I conclude that the virtue of Calhoun's manuscript is that as a studious and exhaustive examination it will be relied upon resource for people to mine for quickies. That's helpful. But generally speaking I am on the side of quickies.

May 24, 1956

Mrs. Tilly:

On your bringing to Atlanta at the end of September one or two persons from Texas.

If you have not got the money in your budget I will stand behind you on it. I may not have any money until October 1st, but still I am behind you.

GSM/eab
(Dictated May 23)

cc: RHA

May 24, 1956

Mr. James P. Brawley
Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brawley:

I was not clear in my letter to you of May 16th. The name of the man who is coming over in the Fall is not Lawson, but Maldwyn Edwards.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 25, 1956

Mr. Jerome Fowler
Station 3
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Opportunity was the magazine formerly published by the Urban League. Its publication has been discontinued and the League does not issue a regular periodical.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

May 25, 1956

Mr. George Stoney
Potomac Film Producers
1536 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stoney:

At the request of John Hope I am enclosing a copy of his most recent report to the Southern Regional Council concerning the Consultants Service Program. George Mitchell has already briefed you on the activity of this program of the Council.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

cc: John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

May 25, 1956

To: GSM

Frank Loescher told me in the course of a telephone call yesterday that the Presbyterian article on the Fund was duly read into the Congressional Record by Congressman Richard ~~Bolinger~~ Bolling

He also asked that you and I think of ways in which Paul Pfuetze and his colleague ~~Gedetsky~~ Gotesky might do something along with their regular work that would entitle them to a small grant-in-aid. He is thinking of some sort of study or philosophic inquiry relevant to the Fund's concerns. Perhaps we can talk about this.

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

May 25, 1956

Dr. Henry A. Bullock
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr. Bullock:

This is to solicit your advice and, hopefully, your participation in a survey of Negro suffrage in the South which we are undertaking.

The attached statements summarize fairly completely the nature of the project. I might only add that we are thinking of the summer months as the period of fact-finding, with the first of September as a tentative deadline for the results. Obviously within these limits of time and resources we cannot hope to assemble findings that will come up to professional standards of social science research. However, we feel that information in this area of Southern life is so urgently needed that a less formal and more opportunistic survey is justified. We know that this means settling for fragmentary and impressionistic data in many instances.

When you have had a chance to look over these few pages, I should greatly appreciate your writing me or calling me collect (Walnut 7963 or Walnut 1821) so that I may have the benefit of your reaction. If it should be possible for you, on this late notice, to direct the Texas part of the survey, we should consider ourselves most fortunate. If not, your recommendations as to a likely chief consultant would be greatly valued.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

May 25, 1956

Mr. Morton Elder
P. O. Box 3821
Fairview Station
Birmingham 8, Ala.

Dear Mr. Elder:

We have been talking with Ben Siegel about a fact-finding effort of three to four month's duration that would bring to light needed information on racial tensions presently affecting the trade unions in the South. We are about ready to go ahead with this, and it strikes us you would be a logical person to do the job for us if you are available.

Would it be possible for you to come to Atlanta one day next week to work out the details? Tuesday or Wednesday would suit me, but if other days are more convenient for you we can work it out. If you will call me collect (Walnut 7963 or Walnut 1821) on Monday, perhaps we can set a time.

I'm looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 25, 1956

Mr. Irving J. Dilliard
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Dilliard:

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending us copy of the editorial page of May 10th on which our comments concerning Southern industry are reprinted.

We are always pleased when you find material in New South worthy of reproduction.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 25, 1956

Mr. N. J. Demerath
Research Professor and Chairman, ORG
P. O. Box 630
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Nick:

I haven't acknowledged your very welcome last letter, largely because I've just been to New York and thought I might have some interesting information to relay. I spent a good while at the Fund for the Republic with Frank Loescher and others. Frank asked me to convey his regards to you.

Our various studies are going ahead reasonably well. We are preparing the findings of our desegregation survey for publication, which was the main reason for the New York trip. Phil Hammer's industrialization study is under way and should yield some basic information that will transcend the race question in importance. We are also about to launch a couple of one-man field inquiries into the nature and leadership of the resistance movements.

Your comments on the suffrage study were much appreciated. As a result of my talk with Alex Heard, I've altered the approach a bit to emphasize such spot studies as you suggest. We now have personnel lined up in about seven of the twelve states, and I'm working on prospects in the others. Incidentally, Wayne Kermodle is going to be away this summer and couldn't take on Virginia, but he made some very helpful recommendations, one of which should work out.

When we have progressed a little further, I will probably be calling you to see if there is any chance of our arranging for another get-to-gether - a less hectic one this time! Meanwhile the very best.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

P.S. I have made note of Mr. Fein as a potential resource.

May 25, 1956

To: Frank S. Loescher

Here are a couple of newspaper clippings which demonstrate a certain amount of "impact".

I hope you have seen the editorial in the current issue of Life which uses a lengthy portion of George Mitchell's article in the Fund's Bulletin. This is evidence of impact of the Fund's publication which should be pleasing to all concerned.

HCF:mbo
Encs.

AIRMAIL

May 25, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Taft Hotel
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wright:

Here are two newspaper clippings of interest.

See the editorial in the current issue of Life dated May 28th for extensive quotation of George Mitchell.

I have some efforts under way on the White House matter which I will report on fully when they have had a chance to mature a little more, for better or for worse.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

May 28, 1956

Dr. Martin Deutsch, Director
Research Institute in Family Relations
Jewish Family Service
113 West 57th Street
New York, New York.

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

I will be happy to take part in the special symposium to be held at the meeting of the American Psychological Association in Chicago this September. Either Saturday the first or Monday the third will be a satisfactory date for me. May I assume that travel costs and expenses will be borne by your organization?

The subject which you will be considering is one which I have been more than mildly interested in for some time. The South just now offers an unparalleled opportunity for social scientists both to assist and to learn from large-scale social change. An opportunity of these dimensions probably will not recur in our time, and I am as anxious as you and your colleagues to forge more links between social scientists and community situations. The survey which you have just completed sounds most encouraging in this respect.

I shall look forward to hearing from you as to the exact date of the meeting. I would also appreciate your suggestions on the most desirable length and subject matter of my remarks.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 28, 1956

Mr. Solomon Sutker
2407 Camden Road
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Sol:

Here is the material on the voting study which I was to send you. I will look forward to hearing from you within a few days. If there are questions which these memos don't answer, you can raise them with me then.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.
P.S. I am sending you separately two earlier and less ambitious SRC publications on the subject.

AIRMAIL

May 28, 1956

Mr. W. H. Ferry
Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Ping:

The correspondence duly arrived, and I have spoken to Bob Brown by telephone today. I am driving down to Columbus to talk with him Wednesday morning. I will call you on returning to Atlanta - Wednesday afternoon if I get back in time, otherwise Thursday morning.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 28, 1956

Dr. Manet Fowler
Parham Place
Albany Post Road
Groton-on-the-Hudson, New York

Dear Dr. Fowler:

In a telephone conversation today, Mr. John Hope mentioned his recent conversation with you. I will talk with him further next week about the possibility of our enlisting your services in our summer survey of Negro suffrage in the South.

Meanwhile, I send you the enclosed material descriptive of the project with the hope that you may look it over and let me know whether or not you would be interested. I'm assuming, if we should work something out, Tennessee would be the logical state.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs. (2)
Separate cover:
New South June-July 1948
New South January 1953

May 28, 1956

Judge Elbert P. Tuttle
326 Old Post Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Judge Tuttle:

Enclosed is some material which briefly describes the history and activities of the Southern Regional Council. If you should want more details on any points, please call me and I will supply it at once.

With appreciation and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs. (2)
SRC toward the South of the Future
Brief account - Origins and Aims
Separate cover:
Changing Patterns in the New South

May 29, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

The kind letter you wrote me May 8th about what I ought to do in Charleston was rightly sent to the Fort Sumter Hotel. But by the time it got to the Fort Sumter they had found that they had no room for me, so I stayed at the St. Francis Marion, and I therefore did not get the letter until it duly came back May 23rd. And obviously I did not do any of the things I should have done in Charleston.

I did have a pop visit with Mrs. St. Julien Childs. But pleasantries more than business.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

. . . GEORGE S. MITCHELL . . .

May 29, 1956

STAFF:

CHP will be in the Atlanta office June 4, 5, and 6.

GM

eab/

May 29, 1956

Sister Michele
Secretary to the
Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Sister Michele:

Dismally there isn't a glossy in the house. But here is a mat which may do as well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

articles to HCF 5/29/56

May 29, 1956

Father Raymond Bernard, S. J.
2908 Westminster Place
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Father Bernard:

I read all the articles and was of course most interested in the "U. S. Protestants and Race" that you did. I think it is right and I really haven't any comment or quarrel, and it wouldn't help matters for me to praise too liberally.

For the file, I can add one or two minute corrections. On page 261, Gammon Theological Seminary is referred to as being at Atlanta University. Actually it is in Atlanta, but it is not organizationally or physically part of Atlanta University.

Also, on page 261, there is the listing of Unitarian Churches in the South believed to be open. I am satisfied that Knoxville should be added to the list.

I will hope for some early opportunity for us to be together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 29, 1956

Mr. H. A. Gerrity
St. Peter Claver Center
814 Seventh Street, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gerrity:

I had a grand time and I am very grateful to you and everybody else for much use of the bed, for good food, for the best of company, and I hope for some betterment of my soul.

I am sorry that in the final rush I did not get to shake hands with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 29, 1956

Miss Ethel M. Johnson
597 Buena Vista Avenue
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Johnson:

Fred sent us on your most kind check.

We love to send out such an emissary, and are extremely grateful to you for recognizing the growing need hereabouts for funds for pushing the job along.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $25.00

cc: FBR

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

The few extra dollars should get you better meals n the way back - if not a drink.

We will drive you into Fredericksburg after the weekend closes tomorrow if that is convenient.

It's grand having you and thanks a million!

Sincerely,

Jim Guinan

May 29, 1956

Mr. Whitney Young
School of Social Work
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Young:

Here is some information about Mr. Pannell.

You very kindly undertook to take care of him in the forenoon of Monday, June 11th. I will have him at your school that morning at 10:00 a.m.

If you can get him handed on to others for the afternoon, I would be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Data Sheet for Mr. Pannell

May 29, 1956

Mr. J. Edward Lantz
Executive Director
National Council of Churches
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lantz:

This confirms the fact that I have promised one Mrs. Fabrick and certain associates of hers from Asheville, North Carolina to be at the service of Fabrick and company at Junaluska at Lambuth Inn for an hour or two, beginning at 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, June 6th. I told Mrs. Fabrick that by the latter part of the evening I had to be free to be at thy beck and call.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 29, 1956

Mrs. Arthur Fabrick
26 Canterbury Road
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Fabrick:

I can't work transportation for getting to Asheville June 5th. Wish I could, and appreciate the offer of hospitality.

The Junaluska Conference people seem somewhat unsettled as to how much evening use they want to make of me. But I have specifically asked that they clear up for me and for you and your friends a chunk of the early evening of Wednesday, June 6th. These things are unpredictable, but I should think I could count on being through with supper at the Lambuth Inn by 7:00 p.m. Dreadful time to ask anybody to meet, but if your friends could foregather with me at Lambuth Inn by 7:15 p.m., well and good.

I told the Conference that if they absolutely had to lay hands on me by 8:30 or 9:00 Wednesday evening the 6th, they could. But the fore-part of the evening is yours.

We dug out of the files a precious copy of the Survey Manual. If Asheville would run through this a'right, Asheville would get to Heaven.

SRC ought to be sent 50¢ for the Survey Manual. If no fifty centses lying around don't go out and dig one up, but if one lies around mail it down.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab
Under separate cover this date:
"Your Community Looks at Itself"

May 29, 1956

GSA:

Where do you want to have the Board meeting in 1956?

By my quite possibly wrong calculation it comes on Wednesday, November 14th.

cab/

May 29, 1956

Mr. William E. Byerly
337 S. E. 46th Street
Oklahoma City 9, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Byerly:

I have been extracting from your report the items which can be included in our summary on desegregation. In some cases you indicate that a facility, organization or job has desegregated, but I cannot determine whether this occurred before or after May 1954.

We do not have time for additional research, but if you know when desegregation took place for the items on the enclosed pages, please inform us. If the specific month and year is known, tell us that; if not, we shall be glad to know which events took place before or after May 1954.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

ACCOMMODATIONS

I. 4. When did the Spartans Cafeteria begin to serve Negroes? Is service in same area and on same basis for all?

I. 5. When did the cafeteria in the Union Railroad station at Tulsa desegregate for interstate passengers?

I. 11. When did Tulsa County Court House desegregate?

(No number) Was the Sky-Chef Cafe at Will Rogers Airport desegregated before or after May 1954? Is this in Oklahoma City?

MILITARY SERVICES

Report states that Marines, Naval and Air Force Reserves are integrated. Did this occur before or after May 1954?

TRANSPORTATION

I. 2. When did desegregation take place in Union Bus Station in Oklahoma City?

I. 3. When did Union Bus Depot in Tulsa desegregate?

RELIGION

3. Were the Negro members received by transfer in College Heights Baptist Church the first Negro non-student members to join?

4. When did Negro student members first join the College Heights Baptist Church?

5. Have Negroes been members of the Baptist Church in Norman only since May 1954?

6. Have Negroes become members of the Church of Christ in Stillwater since May 1954 or were there Negro members previously?

10. When did Negroes first become members of the State Correlation Commission and State Committee on Evangelism for the Disciples of Christ? Do these persons work only with Negro churches or with any and all churches and members?

11. When did the Presbytery of the First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater vote to accept Negro members? Have any joined?

RECREATION

8. Did Negroes use the State Parks before May 1954? Have they used these parks since that time? Are all facilities used (cabins, as well as picnic areas)?

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

II. Oklahoma Bar Association

If the Bar Association is the official licensing body, is there any other organization among lawyers? If so, is it bi-racial?

III. State Nurses Association

2. When did the University Hospital, Oklahoma City, and St. John's Hospital, Tulsa, first accept Negro girls in training? Are girls in integrated training programs?

EMPLOYMENT

2. Are any of the Negroes (other than the Urban League placements) that are employed by University School of Medicine in jobs in which the school had not previously placed Negroes? Please indicate which?

3. Do the "other placements" of the Oklahoma City Urban League represent the first time Negroes had been employed in these jobs? Were these after May 1954? Was Moon Junior High School formerly for white or Negro students?

5. Is Mrs. Williams' appointment the first time a Negro has been appointed as a social case worker in Tulsa? Is the office referred to an integrated one in which Negroes have not previously worked?

Has Tulsa had any Negro firemen previously?

6. Have Negro bus drivers been employed in Negro neighborhoods previously or is this the initial employment of Negro bus drivers? Have Negro mail carriers been limited to Negro sections previously?

VOLUNTEER AGENCIES

I. When did the Boy Scout Troop sponsored by the Rotory Club of Weatherford become a mixed one?

Was the 1956 Edmond "Camp-O-Ree" the first time this District had held such an integrated meet?

II. 1. What is W.C.L.C.? Didn't Negroes participate before May 1954?

2. Was this the first integrated Christian Student Association Camp or had there been integrated camps before May 1954?

3. Was this the ~~limited~~ United Fund and Red Cross of Oklahoma City?

IV. 2. Have Negroes begun using the YMCA swimming pool and game room only since May 1954?

V. 2. In what city is the Culberton School?

EDUCATION

You indicated that the Oklahoma Baptist University was the last denominational college to desegregate. Please indicate which of the following integrated after May 1954? Are all integrated?

Bacone College
Benedictive Heights
Bethany-Peniel

May 29, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

I got Fred Routh to do this report on how the state outfits are doing in this fiscal year.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. - Progress Report Card

May 29, 1956

(Dictated May 28)

Mrs. George Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park 12, Maryland

Dear Bea:

I was in Charlottesville this last weekend for some Roman-y Retreat. I wrote Mrs. Nunnally ahead of time and said I would be there for the weekend and I would try to see her. She wrote and said come any day except Friday because Friday is big doings in the club at the flower show in Farmington. I came in on a Saturday afternoon and rang her telephone, but no answer. So when I got back in the office today I wrote her a note and sent her a minimum of readables, and told her about a friend of ours in Charlottesville who would know about us.

She sounds like a nice person.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 29, 1956

Mrs. Isabel Nunnally
Riverdale Farms
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Nunnally:

I am sorry but my Charlottesville trip has come and gone and I did not get to see you. They kept me considerably used at the farm at Burnley. I broke away and into Charlottesville on the Saturday afternoon, but had no luck in getting your telephone to answer. So made no effort to get myself physically to Riverdale Farms.

In any case, I am concerned only to tell you what you might be willing to listen to about this Southern Regional Council.

We were set up as long ago as 1919, when we were called The Commission on Interracial Cooperation. We are white and Negro, we are entirely Southern, and we try to move things ahead circumspectly and together. Leaflets are really an annoyance, but you ought to read this policy statement that we did back in 1951.

Next time, when there is a next time, I will hope for more freedom and more luck in finding you.

Meanwhile, in Albermarle ramblings you will encounter my long-time close friend Francis Duke who teaches Italian at the University. Lives with a nice wife and some children and a donkey and some goats on top of a mountain the other way out from town.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - 1951 policy statement

May 29, 1956

Reverend Father Colburg
St. Margaret Mary's Church
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Father Colburg:

You were extremely kind to take me into town, and feed me, and the company, and I am grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 29, 1956

Mr. James Guinan
St. Peter Claver Center
814 Seventh Street, S. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

I had a grand time and I am most appreciative of your and everybody else' kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 29, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thank you for the various items you sent and the accompanying note of May 24th. I hope your Annual Meeting was as successful as the program indicated it would be.

Unfortunately we were never able to get a commitment from the Friends with respect to Orangeburg. Everybody I talk to expresses the hope that we will be able to relieve the situation! I will keep casting about for other helpful approaches, but at the moment I'm not too optimistic. I wrote Mr. McCain the other day about the possibility of some of the recently discharged teachers obtaining legal aid from the Friends' Rights of Conscious Committee. I hope something can come of this.

With all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 29, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: HCF

RE: Occupational breakdown of Board

The occupational groups that are most logically related to my efforts are the social scientists and the newspaper men. I have a few tentative ideas about how we might involve them, which I am listing below, but I would like us to consider all this very carefully before we move. This business of asking peoples' advice is very tricky, I ~~found~~; if you don't take it, you are likely to queer the relationship rather than help it. I also think we ought to take into account which Board members are likely to want to be involved. Some of them, I suspect, would much rather be silent partners and would be repelled by strenuous efforts to pull them into program considerations. But we can talk about these reservations before we get too specifically committed.

1. Certainly at the Annual meeting we could divide the Board into appropriate committees to discuss program efforts. I would be glad to have a session with the social scientists about our various fact-finding projects, and one with the newspaper men about publications, promotion, and publicity.

2. We might consult with the educators and perhaps other categories about how to get our materials (Changing Patterns, etc.) more widely used.

3. As some of our larger surveys approach completion, I could send a draft of the findings to the newspaper people and ask them for suggestions in getting the full publicity value out of them.

4. Probably the most meaningful use to the Board people is the kind of thing we have done most in the past: to ask them individually to bring influence or skill to bear where it is most needed. Paul Williams' recent services are perhaps the best example of this, and others readily come to mind. With conscious effort, we could probably do a good deal more of this.

HCF:mbo

May 29, 1956

Mr. Paul Pfuetze
Department of Philosophy
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pfuetze:

If you are planning to be in Atlanta any time soon, George Mitchell and I would welcome the opportunity of a chat. I have heard you are planning to be away this summer, but if there is any chance of our getting together before you leave, please drop me a note. Nothing of great importance - we'd simply like to be brought up to date on your situation.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

May 29, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: HCF

RE: Dr. Dent's comments on mimeographed history of SRC

The details of the old Commissions' origins are lost in obscurity, but at some early point the identification of Alexander, Jones, Eagan and Durham as the kingpins was made and that formulation has been handed down from publication to publication even unto our latest mimeographed document. However, clearly the Negro leaders mentioned by Dent were involved early in the game; they are reported in a 1922 article as being two of five Negroes on the fifty-eight member Commission. I see no reason why we might not include their names in a general statement of those who played an essential part of the formative years of the Commission. Suggest you write Dr. Dent to that effect. After you have answered it, please return Dent's letter and the attached magazine article to serve as reminders when we revise.

HCF:mbo

NOTE: This letter to be delivered to the Atlantan Hotel on June 8th.

Mr. Charles Pannell
Atlantan Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pannell:

By some error in me or my calendar I have accepted from Mr. Brunner responsibility for making arrangements for you for June 9, 10, 11, and a part of June 12 in Atlanta. Dismally this turns out to be a time when I am committed to be away on a purely personal jaunt with my wife to go to somebody's wedding in Virginia. I expect to be back June 12, and will expect you to come to my office that day.

But for the other part of your stay I have made other arrangements as follows:

June 9th - at a respectable post-breakfast hour, say 9:00 a.m., call Mrs. Leonard Haas at 888 Oakdale Road, N. E., telephone number DEarborn 1777 (her business telephone is Jackson 5-3468). Mrs. Haas, and her husband Mr. Leonard Haas, will have arranged some hospitality and opportunity for a limited number of thoughtful people to meet you in the course of June 9 and June 10.

Their home is a taxi-ride of perhaps four and a half miles from the Atlantan Hotel. Should cost $1.50. A bus labeled "Emory" gets to two blocks from there. Take a northbound Emory bus from town and alight at Oxford Road and the By-way. Thence beat your way to 888 Oakdale, two blocks off.

Mr. Haas is a lawyer. His wife is particularly active in the League of Women Voters. The two of them know a lot about governmental and economic and social matters in Georgia and in the South and in the United States.

On Monday, June 11th, I want to put you over with the Negro community. A very able person has accepted that responsibility. He is Mr. Whitney Young, Director of the Atlanta University School of Social Work. Your best bet for getting to Whitney Young's door at 10:00 a.m. on Monday June 11th would be to take a taxi-cab to 223 Chestnut Street, Southwest. Alight and pay the cab and walk into that building and ask for directions to Mr. Whitney Young's building. I am thus specific because we have segregated cabs in this city and one has to be attentive to the oddities.

If you cavalierly climb into a cab and ask to be taken to Atlanta University, you probably won't get there.

Whitney Young will himself show you about for the morning of the 11th, and will turn you over to others for the afternoon. A most knowledgeable man.

On the 12th, if you will come to my office I will be anxious to talk with you. Should I for any reason have not appeared when you come, Harold Fleming in my office is better.

I am sure that the British Consul would be most anxious to meet you. His office is on the fourth floor of the Hurt Building in downtown Atlanta; no longish walk from your hotel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

cc: Mr. Wilfred Brunner
U. S. Department of Labor

May 29, 1956

Mrs. Leonard Haas
888 Oakdale Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bea:

Here is the dope about the man Charles Pannell.

I observe on reading more carefully that he is a real working man. But still I think it is better to give him mainly contacts with the middling sort of people.

The people who put me on to him and made me initially responsible for him are the United States Department of Labor, Office of International Affairs, through one Wilfred Brunner, Chief of the European Branch of the Trade Union Programs Division.

I have a postscript notice that "Mr. Pannell is a diabetic, but it should have according to him 'no influence on my activities'." He arrives June 9th at 6:00 a.m. and leaves at an unstated time June 12th. He stays at the Atlantan Hotel.

He, at present, by some error stands instructed to call me on the morning of June 11th. Well if you had a note to him, at the Atlantan Hotel, telling him to call you on the 9th.

If you will be responsible for getting him mildly instructed and mildly entertained June 9th and 10th, I will see to it that his program for June 11th and June 12th is otherwise taken care of.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. - Data Sheet On Mr. Pannell

May 30, 1956

Mr. Harry Golden
Carolina Israelite
Box 2905
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I am delighted with your memo of May 23rd which I will hold in confidence. But it certainly gives the news.

The Board is supposed to meet, by the by-laws, annually on the second Wednesday in November, which means by my calendar November 14, 1956. Sometimes if that comes too close to election day we wiggle it. But I guess it will stand at the 14th.

I don't yet know where.

The Executive Committee will set it at the Executive Committee's July meeting.

But please do hold the 14th of November.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 30, 1956

Mr. Emanuel Muravchik
National Field Director
Jewish Labor Committee
25 East Seventy-Eighth Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Emanuel:

That's fine.

I am to be in Atlanta June 12, 13, 14, 15, 16. At Lexington, Kentucky at the Kentucky Labor School June 17-22, and back in Atlanta June 23-28. Glad to see you in Atlanta, or, if lucky, at Lexington. Let's count on one of the Atlanta times and you and people on our staff can all be here together.

It is very hard to think of people who could be trusted to find the facts. I will run over the possible names with you when you are here.

Let us know the selected date, and we will be on hand.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: HCF

May 30, 1956

Mrs. Margaret Dagen
114 South Bemiston
Clayton 5, Missouri

Dear Margaret Dagen:

I had a pleasant time in St. Louis. I went out to Washington University and saw the man Brandenburg. He has no faintest plans for making use of me. Then went to see the man Osborne, who perhaps has plans.

Made my short speech and came on home.

I do appreciate all your bothering about it.

I did call up Helen Schwartz and I am afraid got her up out of bed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 30, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

Frank Loescher sent me down May 22nd the proposal from Mr. Edward S. Overman at the University of Tennessee.

I had written Loescher May 24th some comments composed in the absence of the specific proposal.

Now that I have read the specific proposal, I see no reason to alter the comments.

The statements of the various denominational bodies have been collected. They are pasted up in a big scrapbook in this office. Mrs. Tilly did it.

I am satisfied that the most successful way to work is to get the church women agreed and purposed to make things move. They needed the formal approval afforded them in the various denominational pronouncements. With that backing them and with opportunity to meet and discuss and encourage one another, they will make things move.

So I am saying that I don't see any advantage in a two-year inquiry into what it would be nice for the churches to do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Edward S. Overman proposal

May 30, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

Clearly everybody got their money's worth out of the six months that Irene Osborne was assigned to SRC by the American Friends Service Committee and traveled around the South. Here is a skeleton report of what she did.

The flesh on the skeleton is that in each of these states she got some thoughtful and influential people to see that good planning would yield workable and helpful compliance with the Supreme Court's decision.

This that I send for your inspection is the original of Irene's report. It belongs in SRC's files.

Mademoiselle, thy secretary, is requested to concern herself to run a tickler to you and draw the report back and mail the report to me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: HCF
FBR

May 31, 1956

Mrs. C. E. Biggerstaff
4906 Adanson Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Biggerstaff:

Just received your letter and while February is a long way ahead as it stands now I am sure I could be with you on the dates mentioned.

I would suggest that you write to Mrs. Spann Milner at the address you gave in your letter.

The Avon Park meeting last year was an outstanding one, and I am glad you will have a meeting there again.

Attached you will find a letter explaining the meeting that will be held in Atlanta, September 27 and 28, and in it you will find your invitation to participate in this conference.

With best wishes to you, I remain,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

May 31, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hope:

I didn't know whom the Florida consultants were, so I'm sending you their materials. Please refer each to the New York Times' report on Florida and the other items that are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosures

May 31, 1956

AIR MAIL - PERSONAL

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

This is personal business, but you can be helpful, and I will be grateful if you would.

An Episcopal Church at some remove from here, whose Senior Warden is a close friend of mine, stands in need of a new Rector.

The new man can by his leadership do quite a lot to bring along integration in a considerable territory.

My friend asked me to find out, most circumspectly, the views anent integration of three particular candidates whom they are considering.

One of them is your man C. P. Lewis, the Dean and Rector at Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock.

I would be very grateful for a somewhat detailed account of his views insofar as you may know them or be able to obtain them without interviewing the Reverend gentleman.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1956

Mr. Whitney Young
School of Social Work
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Whitney:

That was a honey!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1956

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Room 206
Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I committed us, the other day, to get you word from John Hope as to who your consultants would be.

John Constable got John Hope su house yesterday, and John yesterday said he would yesterday call you and tell you who the consultants would be.

Hope it works. If it doesn't, holler!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1956

Mr. Clarence Pickett
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Clarence:

It is no more than right that you should hear of things that work out well.

A while back Dick Bennett and I began to dicker about an arrangement that would put Irene Osborne's Washington wisdom at the disposal of the Southern towns and cities. Dick Bennett assigned her to us. We paid her salary and her travel.

Now mind you, Irene had scarcely set foot in these Southerns before. Though I am sure she here or there occasionally had the shakes, she steeled herself and was strong and tactful and persuasive and informing. And it is clear that she convinced a lot of people that by patient planning the schools in any community can be cracked.

It cost a minimum of money. It did a world of good. And the inner reason why it worked was character and purpose.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1956

Mrs. Mabel Garrett Wagner
Bureau of Urban Work
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Wagner:

Expenses for the run to Kansas City were as follows:

Plane	$88.17
Railroad (I got off the plane at St. Louis and took the sleeper to Kansas City to be sure of arriving in time)	17.73
Airport bus - Atlanta	2.00
Taxi - St. Louis	3.00
Tip	.50
Meals	1.27
Bus - St. Louis	.40
Taxi	.70
	$113.77

I believe the agreement was that you would find $75.00 as an honorarium. Total $188.77

I greatly enjoyed the trip out, and I am only sorry that I could not be with the group for a longer stretch of time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

May 31, 1956

Miss Mildred Grossman
1828 Longfellow Avenue
New York 60, New York

Dear Miss Grossman:

I am mighty sorry, but I have a bucket of cold water.

All of my experience has been that a would-be integrator has a much better chance of attaining the integration desired if nobody showed any of the white people involved any pictures of themseves or similar people in already integrated situations. That may be some silly kind of fetish. It may be just the bad old Ku Klux habit that has gone through the South of combating integration by means of knavish leaflets picturing advanced stages of socialized integration!

A part of what you propose does seem to me highly valuable. The South needs clearly to learn quickly the lesson that it has all of a sudden become an industrial society. Nearly everybody down here lives in some fog of corn-pone and moonlight and mammy songs. Most people think they are still following mules down corn rows. Actually the people who so think and their grandidaddies have been working in cotton mills. But the folk mind does not know that. A picture book that proved to the South that she was making her living out of mills and factories and business would do a lot of good.

And it could carry a minimum few of encouragingly interracial shots. But I for one am clear that it shouldn't be mainly the interracial shots with a sprinkling of fancy factories.

I have a notion that Roy Stryker, whom Steichen would know about -- wherever Roy Stryker is -- is in a position to take all kinds of pictures. Stick the notion in Stryker's head, and maybe he could sub-commision you to take the kind of ones you want to take.

I only get to New York when somebody is kind enough to pay for me to get that far. Nobody seems inclined to pay, so I stay down here. I will be in Atlanta the last few days before June 16th, and for the week beginning June 24th (until Friday) and I ought to be here a good deal in July. Delighted to see you. And by the time you got here I could have warmed up some water and be ready to be of more help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

May 31, 1956

Mr. Richard Bennett
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

Irene made us a bang-up report.

She did us a bang-up job.

I have tried my hand in this letter at telling her how well she did. 'Tis inadequate.

We are deeply grateful to the American Friends Service Committee and to you, and to the sense of purpose that moves you all, for making this arrangement work.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

May 31, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Russell Branson
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Russell Branson:

This I dictated a couple of days ago as a trial run for a letter to Massell. Phern Stanley is coming over today to look it over.

If you will correct it, I will interweave your corrections and Phern's and (all agreeing) let her ride.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Rough Draft of ltr to Mr. Massell

June 1, 1956

Dr. John Fenton
227 North Third
Bardstown, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Fenton:

Dr. La Violette has strongly recommended that we try to secure your services for a study of Negro suffrage which we hope to complete this summer. I am enclosing two memoranda which describe the project fairly fully. Specifically, I am hoping that you will consider assuming responsibility for the state of Louisiana.

It may seem to you from the descriptive material that we have set rather ambitious goals considering the limitations of time and money. We realize, of course, that we may have to settle for findings that are far less complete than those usually sought in a full blown research project. Our feeling is that the need for information in this field is so acute that we should pull together as much as we can by a hasty and opportunistic state by state survey. The job should be somewhat simplified for Louisiana if I am correct in assuming that county by country registration figures are centrally available in the state.

After you have looked over the material, please let me know whether or not you are interested. I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
encs.

June 1, 1956

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, S. C.

Dear George:

I batted your new assignment around with George Mitchell this afternoon, and here are some strictly off-the-cuff suggestions. I didn't really find out enough from you to advise well - for example, how old is youth? Will you be concerned equally with white and Negro youth, or with white only? You probably don't know the answers yourself yet. Obviously the best thing for you to do, after New York, is to get on your tired horse and ride over to Atlanta again. Meanwhile:

The person who knows most about the racial attitudes of college age youth in the South is one Rosalie Oakes, formerly with the student YW in Atlanta, now Y secretary at the University of Texas. The student YWCA organization has its regional headquarters in this building and should be of some help - possibly the equivalent in the YMCA too. Such youth movements as the Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Future Farmers, etc - most of them with regional offices here, might be worth a poke. All of the larger religious denominations have youth programs which are concerned to some extent with racialism. Some of the people who can steer you on this are also here. We can spot for you various examples of liberal youth activity in Southern communities and summer camps.

George Mitchell feels very strongly that a major part of this story should be found among Negro college students. He thinks that the militance or lack of it among these youngsters will determine the pace at which the South eventually desegregates. If you use this angle, obvious places to look at are State College, Orangeburg, the student bus boycott in Tallahassee and such other campuses as Hampton Institute, Fisk, Atlanta, Tuskegee, etc.

As far as white youth is concerned, your article will undoubtedly explode the prevalent cliche that "white youngsters will show their prejudiced elders the way." While there is no doubt that Southerners under

twenty-five average more enlightenment on race than their elders, there is still plenty of Confederatism among the young - in fact, a kind of revival of it in some quarters. Leonard Wilson, lately at the University of Alabama, is an extreme example, but not the only one. Without prejudging your findings, my guess is that you will find the young people, on the whole, are not so much "liberal" as just bored with the whole thing, they can't figure out how the elder folks can work up so much steam over something that doesn't seem to them nearly as important as other things. That is my arm chair conclusion anyway.

There are dozens of angles to this story, and I don't think I can be very much help this way. I will ask our researchers to glean what they can from the files and send it to you, but it won't be of much help.

I will expect to see you in Atlanta again before long.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Copies Miss Esther Stamats (UCW)
Mrs. Symm Milner, Atlanta, Ga.

June 1, 1956

Mrs. W. Murdock MacLeod, General Director
Department of United Church Women
National Council of Churches in the U. S. A.
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. MacLeod:

This is a request from the Southern Regional Council to the United Church Women, asking that it become joint sponsor and participant in "The Fellowship of the Concerned" - Southern women concerned about their South.

The concern now is the tensions in our area over the Supreme Court decision on schools. We have had two conferences on the Decision, one in 1953 in preparation for whatever it might be and one in 1955, bringing together Church women leaders of the three faiths and both races in the "Hard Core" States. All major denominations cooperated.

These conferences have been followed by workshops at the State level.

Miss Stamats has given us invaluable help and cooperation.

Now the tensions are growing more serious day by day, kept alive and at white heat by the resistance movements, so we know we must put forth greater efforts.

Therefore we are urging you to become co-partners with us, sharing in the planning of the Conference and in finances as far as you feel it is possible.

For years, as you know, the Church has given splendid education in human relations and we have found the women, for the most part, with deep convictions, but almost afraid to speak them. Coming together they are finding the strength and courage to become the shock absorbers and interpreters of the social change that is upon us.

They need the support and the cooperation of all of us. Therefore, please present the request to your Administrative Committee.

Attached you will find some explanation of "The Fellowship of the Concerned" and a list of the organizations which have participated in the conferences and workshops.

If I have not given you all the details you need, Miss Stamats and Mrs. Milner can give them to you.

The dates of September 27 and 28 have been set for the next meeting, including the Deep South and border States. Further planning will await the reply to this request to your organization. We hope it will be favorable.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

Enclosures

June 1, 1956

Dr. Forrest La Violette
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. La Violette:

I deeply appreciate your advising me in such thoughtful detail about possible personnel for the voting study in Louisiana. I should have made it clear in my original letter that the race of the chief consultant is immaterial.

I simply want the best qualified person I can get.

Dr. Fenton sounds excellent for the job, and I will write him at once to see if he is interested. If he is not available, I will certainly be exploring the other possibilities you mention, and I may impose on you for further advice at that time.

Meanwhile our thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 1, 1956

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clement:

We ought, at your convenience, to move the matter of Personnel Classifications.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
1820 Jefferson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

I have been meaning to tell you that the luncheon which Guernsey organized about a week ago turned up a notion of some continuing study group within the labor movement on what to do. Sounded rather promising.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

SAMPLE COPY TO MR. SHAW

June 1, 1956

Mrs. S. M. McAshan
3376 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. McAshan:

Mr. Charles A. Shaw, at the Watchtower Life Insurance Company, is a member of the Board of Directors of our Southern Regional Council. He and we would like you to know more about the Council.

At his suggestion, I will send you every now and then either our maggie New South or some other publication from us in this general field.

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Sincerely,

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Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby
Houston Post
2410 Polk Street
Houston, Texas

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Gulf Building
Houston, Texas

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Mr. Palmer Hutcheson
1720 Niels Esperson Building
Houston, Texas

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June 1, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I was so glad to get today the names of the people you said we should keep informed.

I have written each of them as enclosed, and I have sent out a first envelope containing a copy of Changing Patterns, the last two or three issues of New South, and our 1951 Policy Statement, and the quickie history of SRC we did recently.

And we shall be sending each of them New South, and I hope some other pamphlets, right along. I would think that after a month or two you would be in a position to talk with them further.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 1, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mrs. M. E. Dowdell
1602 Malone Street
Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Dowdell:

I have been working with Mrs. Ward about coming to speak at the meeting Monday afternoon at 2:00.

Simplest thing for me to do is to catch Southern Airways Flight 105 on Monday, June 4th, leaving Atlanta at 1:35 p.m., and scheduled to arrive at Gadsden at 1:23 p.m.

Mrs. Ward thought you would be kind enough to arrange to have me met at the airport.

Mrs. Ward also says I can expect to catch the 3:50 p.m. East-bound plane from Gadsden that same afternoon. Pushes matters pretty close, but blessedly convenient to me. If I find it pushes the meeting too closely, I will just skip the flight home and get back some other way.

Meanwhile, I pass on Mrs. Ward's concern to have somebody at the airport at 1:23 p.m. Monday, June 4, so that I can get to the Carver High School before or by 2:00 p.m.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 1, 1956

Mr. Robert Childers
P. O. Box 7447
Houston 8, Texas

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June 4, 1956

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City Administrator
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Brown:

I don't know any literature that would help. I can tell you, and will try to do so quickly, the main ideas on how to proceed.

No go unless those proposing the Community Council will cheerfully include the really representative Negro persons. Some of these persons may be marked as agitators. You only do harm if you sweep in some handkerchief-head people. Get the people who have shown vigour and courage. If they become convinced of a desirable course of action, then the followers will come along.

Try for very responsible people. In Rock Hill where they had good success they got a big manufacturer and a banker and a principal merchant, etc. These men weighed in the community. And most of them when approached said such a move was long since overdue.

I speak compressedly, and therefore baldly. Most people in Southern communities now think the white people are stirred up and so there is "trouble." The basic discontent is Negro discontent communicated to white people. And therefore the thing to do is to contrive locally the actual removal and the fore-planned removal of the principal Negro grievances. Only when that is done will peace reign.

It never succeeds to go and fan down the white people; it only succeeds to go and restore the confidence of the Negro people that justice is being and will be done. Nearly everywhere that frank consultations have been entered upon, anxious community leaders have been surprised and pleased to find that Negro leadership, while it pressured for change, was at least as reasonable and as practicable as white leadership.

If you want the finally corrective measure, the town should move on to a community self-survey. Here a most carefully chosen group of white and Negro persons themselves go out and find the facts about houses, and employment, and transportation, and the courts, and the jails, and the sewer system, and the garbage collection, and the police administration, and the schools. Sometimes these surveys are pitched at obtaining these facts only as they touch the Negro community. In the course of making the survey the local people find the facts, make friends across the lines of race, and make friends within the lines of their specialty interest. Which is to say that a white person interested in the sewer system builds a confidence in a Negro person interested in the sewer system. From then on they never have any more trouble along lines of race about the sewer system. The two fellows that know about it get together and cause the needful to be done.

And so with houses and health, etc. Greenville did that most notably five or six years ago.

Mrs. Alice Spearman at 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina, is the Executive Director of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations which we work with. She could and would be glad to help you. Or at Greenville, telephone Harold Weakley at the Community Chest. For Rock Hill advice talk to A. R. Suritz, a jeweler, or to the Very Reverend Maurice Shean, whose telephone number is 2097. Many others in Rock Hill would be similarly informed.

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Sincerely,

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GSM/eab

P. S. I send separately two or three items in print that might be useful.

June 4, 1956

Mrs. C. S. Johnson
1700 McNarry Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter written to you on May 10 asking you if you would give us a worship service to be used and included in the workbook of our South-wide conference on September 27 and 28 to be held here in Atlanta.

I am sure you must be out-of-town as I have had no reply from you. We are sending this letter marked "Please Forward". I sincerely hope you can do this for us. If for any reason you can't, I would appreciate your letting me know at an early date as I will have to find someone else.

We most certainly want you to be with us on these dates. Just where we will meet I do not know as yet, but you will receive the information later.

With the best of wishes and hoping you can do this great favor for us, I remain,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

Enclosure

June 4, 1956

Mr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent:

You are quite right, and we will get the brief history altered before it gets to any printing stage. What happened was that sentences from publications in the early 'twenties (!) were living on in later things.

Appreciatively,

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cc and original incoming to HCF

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GSM/aab

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Materials sent -

Greenville's Big Idea ✓

Manual for the Self-Survey ✓

Check List for the Schools

What the Supreme Court Said ✓

Greenville's Big Idea Terms (minus) ✓

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The Town that Surrendered to Hate ✓

Race & Law Enforcement

New South May 56

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June 4, 1956

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McMillan:

Harold Fleming asked me to send you some information on "Youth and Segregation." Since we don't know what aspect and just exactly which age group you are concerned, we are sending you copies of quite a few clippings. Most of these articles concern college students. If any give you a definite idea in which you would like to expand, please let us know.

Best wishes for proposed article.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor

JC/ys
Enclosures

NOTE: AN ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER TO EVERY STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
(Exception - Tennessee)

June 4, 1956

Dear _____

We have turned out a corrected and complete edition of the by-laws of the Southern Regional Council. Here's a copy.

We are sending a copy to each Board member which naturally includes your Chairman and your elected SRC Board Representative.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

NOTE: AN ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER SENT TO EACH BOARD MEMBER

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Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

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Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

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(Dictated May 23rd)

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

The Executive Committee of SRC, at a meeting April 20-21, considered as best it could without the presence of Counsel what would be a wise course for the several state organizations anent any existing or future state legislation restrictive of freedom of voluntary associations. That's a clumsy way of saying that they considered what we ought to do if, as in Louisiana, statutes are on the books or come on the books requiring voluntary organizations (of which your group is one) to jump through queer hoops. In Louisiana, you remember, the NAACP was put under penalties (perhaps removable in federal court) for failure to comply with a statute of the early 1920s requiring voluntary organizations to file lists of their members. Originally it was an anti-Ku Klux Klan act.

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Today he came back with a strong opinion that it would be much better if the state organizations consulted Counsel locally:

> In this particular field, the legislation, of course, is quite restrictive and in many cases punitive. Local counsel in each State will be far better able, on the basis of knowledge of the local temperament, and more particularly of the attitudes of the judges before whom the matters might come up for hearing, to give sound advice in order to insure that the local Chapter complies with the spirit as well as the letter of the legislation.

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We have no way of assisting you toward fees for Counsel. I think nearly all of you can find volunteer Counsel who will tell you the facts.

Will you write me by July 1st what the situation is in your state?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 5, 1956

(Dictated May 23)

Mrs. Mollie Todd
1489 Clairmont Place
Nashville, Tennessee

FOR: TENNESSEE COUNCIL OFFICE FILES

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Executive Director

GSM/eab
~~Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/si~~

June 5, 1956

The Board of Home Missions and
Church Extension of the
Methodist Episcopal Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

We are extremely grateful for that good substantial installment of $250 on your help to the Southern Regional Council.

I doubt if you have any more appreciative contributees than we are.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - SRC Official Receipt $250

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

June 5, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

Each Executive Director
SRC Affiliated State Organizations

Fred Routh brought back from New York some copies of a helpful memorandum prepared within the American Jewish Committee on the matter of tax-exemption.

'Tis a technical question, and it is important for you to be up on it.

This is somebody else's memorandum, not ours.

But I advise you to read it. And we will shortly be writing you further about general matters of tax-exemption.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

P.S. Share this with your Chairman

June 5, 1956

Miss Sophie Van S. Theis
The Doris Duke Foundation
41 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Theis:

Thank you for your pleasant letter of May 29th, returning the memorandum on the proposed Housing Study. I quite understand your feeling and that of your Board Members about the project.

Although the idea was not a feasible one, I am glad that it provided an occasion for me to talk with you again. I enjoyed our conversation and appreciate your seeing me on such short notice.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 5, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

Sometime back I accepted an invitation to be part of the Kentucky Labor School in its second week. I pull into Lexington in the evening of Sunday, June 17th and I am in Lexington through Friday the 22nd.

The head man of the Labor School is Jimmy Wolfe out of Louisville. He will be in Lexington about the time you get this letter.

I am also obligated to do this or that for Willis Sutton at some Institute at the University of Kentucky along about the same time.

I will cherish some opportunity to be with you.

Left alone I would call your office about noon the 20th and find out when I can see you. If you know any better way to work it out, let me know. I expect I will be staying at Donovan Hall at the University of Kentucky.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 5, 1956

PLEASE FORWARD

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

When are you coming back into circulation?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 5, 1956

Mr. Joseph Haas
1110 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

On the matter of tax-exemption. Here is a helpful memorandum prepared within the American Jewish Committee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: Mr. Hope
Mr. Parrish
FBR

Same letter to Dr. Harry J. Walker
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

June 5, 1956

Dr. Lee Coleman
Department of Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Coleman:

Enclosed you will find a check for $125.00 which represents the estimated cost of air transportation from Lexington, Kentucky to Tampa, Florida, and return.

The Florida workshop will be held at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, on June 11-12, 1956. Mr. Hope would like for the consultants to arrive no later than 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 10 in order that some time may be devoted to an informal planning and orientation session for him and the consultants. The workshop is scheduled to close on Tuesday, June 12, at 12:00 noon.

The most convenient airport to Lakeland is Tampa, Florida. It is very urgent that you wire Mr. Hope at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, as to the scheduled time of your arrival at Tampa. He will have to make arrangements to get you over to Lakeland. As soon as you have checked on your schedule, please wire Mr. Hope.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Encl.

June 5, 1956

Art Department
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Art Department:

For many years I have cherished a friendship with George Rickey. I heard the other day from somebody at your University that George Rickey has gone off. Please tell me where George Rickey went to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy: Mrs. Mollie Todd

June 5, 1956

Mr. F. Woods Beckman
5908 Magazine Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Woods:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your contributions to the development of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. I know that you have given a great deal of your time willingly and without thought of compensation. Those of us who are the so-called professionals in the field owe a tremendous debt to the dedicated laymen who have made possible the development of organizations in this field.

The people of Tennessee are also indebted to you for holding together a shaky organization which in time will contribute to the peaceful transition toward a more democratic society.

You have well earned the extended vacation trip that you and your wife plan, starting in mid-June. I wish you and Mrs. Beckman a most enjoyable summer and here express the hope that you will maintain an active interest in the Tennessee Council upon your return.

Very best wishes,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

cc: GSM
CHP

June 5, 1956

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
817 Alvaredo
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Ratliffe:

We have received your letter of June 1 submitting your resignation as President of the Mississippi Council. I would like to ask you a personal favor - that we table your resignation until Dr. Parrish and I are able to come to Mississippi in the near future and re-examine the staff-Board relationship and the operation of the Mississippi Council.

We in this office share with you an uneasiness about the situation in Mississippi and cannot be a party to an ineffective organization. I will notify you in the next day or so of the proposed time of our visit.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

P. S. Dr. Mitchell is out of the office but will write you the first of the week.

June 5, 1956

Mrs. James S. Crate, Chairman
Texas Commission on Race Relations
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Thank you for your letter of May 25 telling us that you will employ Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe as fulltime Director, as of May 16, 1956, and that you will continue Mr. Holbert full-time as Associate Director. This meets with the approval of the Southern Regional Council.

I am pleased to hear that the Texas Commission is making progress on the hotel situation for the oncoming labor conference.

I think that with Mr. Kloppe and Mr. Holbert you have a well-qualified and efficient staff to carry on the good work of the Texas Commission on Race Relations and I congratulate you and your Executive Committee in choosing so able a staff.

Mrs. Ruth Alexander, our Secretary-Treasurer, has been notified of the change of status of Mr. Kloppe and the continuing status of Mr. Holbert.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

June 6, 1956

Mr. Herbert Bernard
Fund for the Republic Newsfilm Project
1213 North Highland Avenue
Los Angeles 38, California

Dear Herb:

Many thanks for the copy of the film. I appreciate your sending it to me so promptly. The day after it appeared on the local stations I took the boat out to Catalina and had at least half a dozen people come up to me and say they had seen me on television and thought it was about time some one told the truth in the manner this film presented the progress of the South.

Thanks for the opportunity of reaching some 300,000 people.

It was good to know you and I wish you success in your work. I am entering a subscription to New South for you.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

June 6, 1956

Mr. Malcolm B. Higgins, Executive Secretary
Kansas Anti-Discrimination Commission
Mills Building
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Higgins:

The Southern School News is published by the Southern Education Reporting Service, Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee. The director of SERS and the editor of the Southern School News is Mr. Don Shoemaker, former editor of the Asheville, North Carolina Citizen. Mr. Shoemaker succeeded C. A. McKnight in this position about a year ago.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 7th, 1956

Mr. William E. Byerly
337 S. E. 46th Street
Oklahoma City 9, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Byerly:

I have waited for the second installment of your report to acknowledge your letters and the material which you sent. You have done a very extensive and helpful job of documenting recent desegregation in Oklahoma. I hope that you and your colleagues will find the experience and contacts established of continuing benefit.

Florence Irving has passed on to you the only questions which we had, and we were glad to be able to establish some additional dates. If further items show up, please continue to send them in. We have finished the first draft of the report, but it will be a while before we are ready for publication.

I am enclosing a check for compensation and expenses, as itemized in your letter of May 25.

I hope that we will find occasion to work together again in the future.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.
CC: Mr. O. D. Duncan

June 7, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

This is an attempt to describe briefly the idea, which I have discussed with Jim Real, of a possible picture-text story on a foreign visitor's travels through the South.

The Southern Regional Council has for years played host to foreign visitors from countries throughout the world. Naturally they discuss with us their own reactions to the racial situation in the South and the way in which our racial problems are viewed in their respective countries. Unfortunately, however, courtesy inhibits their expression of these views to Southerners and other Americans who might be offended by them. I have felt for some time that we need a skilful treatment of this theme by some magazine of mass circulation, or possibly one of the other mass media. The objective of the treatment would be to enable the American reader to identify with the foreign visitor and, so far as possible, view the situation through his eyes; hence the idea of a picture story.

A series of imaginative pictures and a sensitive commentary, probably under the by-line of the foreign visitor himself, are the basic elements. The effectiveness of an article of this kind will depend not on the idea as such, which is not particularly original, but on the execution.

Obviously there are various possible approaches to this theme. The most appropriate one can best be determined by those skilled in this form of presentation. The most dramatic effect might be achieved by assigning a reporter-photographer to accompany a dark-skinned foreigner (rather than a European) on a swing through the South. Some of the paradoxes and inconsistencies of segregation could be pointed up if the visitor were an African with special status and prestige which prompted privileged treatment.

Mr. Edward Reed June 7, 1956

(Jim Real knows of a royal Nigerian who might fill the bill.) In any case, it is true that a colored person, once identified as not an American Negro, is often exempt from segregated treatment. This, of course, does not prevent him from observing the normal racial patterns; if anything, it sharpens his awareness of them.

If the idea seems to you to warrant exploration, the staff of the Council and our state affiliates will be glad to cooperate in every way.

It was good to see you the other day.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
CC: Mr. James Real

June 7, 1956

Mr. W. H. Ferry
Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-second Street
New York, New York

Dear Ping:

I enjoyed the one day stand on Monday, and I think the outcome of the discussion was the right one. I will keep in touch with Bob Brown and contribute anything I can to the next steps in planning the project.

Following your generous suggestion, I am feeling free to list the expenses of the trip, to wit:

Airplane	$88.06
Airport limousine	5.40
Taxis	4.20
Total	$97.66

I hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIR

June 7, 1956

Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe. Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
309 West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Thank you for your letter of June 6, and I am pleased to hear that you are going to be at the Conference at Norman, Oklahoma.

I am more than pleased that you have accepted the Directorship of the Texas Commission on Race Relations and trust that you can interpret to your Board the necessity of undertaking an adequate, efficient, effective program. I will be glad to discuss all details with you while we are at the University of Oklahoma.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I wrote Mrs. Crate which I thought might be of minor interest.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Enclosure

June 7, 1956

Mr. John A. Collings, Executive Vice President
Trans World Airlines, Inc.
380 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Collings

Many thanks for your letter of June 1 expressing regret about the delay of Flight 23 on May 19. Any small inconvenience was more than compensated for by your pleasant letter. I surely appreciate a firm that is sufficiently conscious of good public relations that they would write such a letter without a note of protest from the passengers.

I flew back from the West Coast on another airline only because you do not service Seattle. You may rest assured that I prefer TWA to any other unmentioned airline.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

June 7, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Penna.

Dear Frank:

I am still wrestling with the introductory material for the desegregation report; but in view of your imminent departure, I am sending you this draft of the findings, so that you can see what our survey achieved. I am going to add a brief general introduction, as well as a few introductory paragraphs for each section which will sketch in the background in each area. Incidentally, this draft has not even been proofed, so please overlook any typos. As soon as I have completed the draft, I will send a couple of copies to Dave Freeman, one to Loth etc.

It was pleasant as always to be with you in New York Monday. Thanks to your sympathetic efforts, I did get to Schwartz' and I did get the pistol and Gary was tickled pink beneath his measles. I told him about your role in the business and he commanded me to convey his thanks.

While I'm jumping about among the sublime and ridiculous, I might mention that Paul Pfuetze came over yesterday and we had a good chat. I think we have a good idea working, but will hold it until Pfuetze has had a chance to discuss it with Gotesky.

If we don't communicate again before the 15th, the best of travels to you and Mrs. Loescher.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Enc.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

June 7, 1956

Miss Elizabeth Stinson
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Manuscript on Youth not received. Please advise what to do.

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work
Southern Regional Council

MET:mef

June 7, 1956

Mr. Lamar Fleming, Jr.
2945 Lazy Lane
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Mr. Charles A. Shaw, at the Watchtower Life Insurance Company, is a member of the Board of Directors of our Southern Regional Council. He and we would like you to know more about the Council.

At his suggestion, I will send you every now and then either our maggie New South, or some other publication from us in this general field.

The Southern Regional Council is an old-established and responsible agency working for better understanding between the races in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
"The Southern Regional Council: A Brief Account of its Origins and Aims"
Changing Patterns in the New South
New South, March, April, May, 1956
"The South of the Future"

June 7, 1956

Mr. A. C. Miller, Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

This is to thank you for your acceptance of our invitation and urgent request that you be with us for the two days of September 27 and 28, in a meeting of South-wide Church leadership. We would certainly want you to be our spiritual support, giving us at least two messages and then aid us in planning action.

I have another request of you. We want to have available the latest stands the denominations have taken on the questions of race or the Supreme Court - either or both. Whatever was said at your latest Convention we would like to have. If they made no new statement, would you give me a copy of the full statement adopted.

Sincerely grateful to you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:maf

June 7, 1956

Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson, Director
Region 1-D
UAW-CIO
215 Sheldon Avenue, S. E.
Grand Rapids 3, Michigan

Dear Ken:

Many thanks for the brochure on the FDR-CIO Labor Center. I will arrive as scheduled and look forward to seeing you at that time.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

June 8, 1956

TO: All State Professional Staff

FROM: Frederick B. Routh

Dr. Herman Long, Director of the Fisk Race Relations Institute, has generously offered to provide room and tuition for all SRC and State affiliated organizations' professional staff at the Institute this year. The Institute will be held July 2-14 at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

This means your expenses would amount to travel to and from Nashville and food costs while there, which are reasonable.

We believe the Fisk Institute is a most worthwhile learning opportunity and urge staff personnel to take this matter up with their Executive Committees for consideration.

June 8, 1956

Mr. J. E. Pierce
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pierce:

Enclosed are two memoranda describing the survey of Negro suffrage which C. H. Parrish mentioned to you earlier.

I would appreciate your looking over the material and letting me know whether it will be possible for you to direct such a study in Alabama during the summer months. I am well aware that accurate registration figures, or even reasonable estimates, are extraordinarily hard to obtain for many of Alabama's counties. Our object is simply to collect as much information as possible on the status of Negro suffrage within the limits of time and money available. I would welcome your views as to how the objectives set forth in the memoranda might best be modified to fit the circumstances in Alabama.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.(2)

June 8, 1956

Mr. Robert Brown
Columbus Ledger
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Bob:

It was good being with you at the Monday session in New York, and I am very pleased at the way the discussion finally turned out. I think your judgment on the embryonic project is the best around.

If I can help in any way in the next steps, be sure to let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 8, 1956

Mr. Guy H. Wells
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wells:

The February 1 Newsletter spoke of Arna Bontemps' book. I send you ours for your quickest reading. Get it back and we will send it to the Virginia Council and on down the line. Extraordinary commendation will be meted out to that state office that reads the book the fastest and gives it back the quickest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl:

Arna Bontemps' Story of the Negro

June 8, 1956

AIR

Dr. Myron Lieberman
School of Education
University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Lieberman:

I will be arriving in Oklahoma City on Thursday, June 14, at 10:08 A.M. I will be coming from Dallas on Braniff Airlines' Flight 324.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

P.S. The speech will be in written form for your use.

June 8, 1956

Dr. Henry A. Bullock
Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr. Bullock:

I appreciate your telephone call of yesterday and I'm pleased that you are going to undertake the Texas voting survey for us.

I enclose some copies of the voucher form which may be used to report compensation and expenses.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

June 8, 1956

Mr. Fred Fuges, Director of
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Fred Fuges:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Elloree, S. C., situation. I am glad to learn that you had heard from Mr. Solomon of the Palmetto Education Association. There could be no better source of information about this particular matter. My only concern was that the teachers involved know about your program if that seemed indicated. Since that has been achieved, we can safely leave the matter to you and Mr. Solomon.

Whenever occasions arise in which we can work together, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 8, 1956

Professor Donald S. Strong
University of Alabama
Department of Political Science
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Strong:

Thank you for your very helpful letter about our prospective voting study. I am quite resigned to the idea of getting something less than estimates for all of Alabama's 67 counties.

I have written Mr. Pierce for his reactions and it may be that he will undertake to collect such information as is possible. If not, I will be in touch with your two colleagues whom you suggest as possibilities.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 8, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Court Street, Moore Building
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

The Thrasher reprints were sent with the last New South. I am told that, unfortunately, we ran short by a few hundred, so that some of the envelopes went out without the reprint. Some of these envelopes may have been addressed to Alabama members. But certainly not all of them. We had two mailings returned for reasons of address from Alabama and both of them contained the reprint.

I am sorry it is not possible to determine how many of your people received the reprint and how many did not. Maybe you can care for this by note in your Newsletter. Having explained the unlucky circumstances, I will have to leave the next step to your judgment. Life is hard!

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

P. S. Your news release on the bus ruling was very good.

June 8, 1956

Dr. John Fenton
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Fenton:

We are very pleased that you have found it possible to assume the direction of the voting study in Louisiana, and I'm indebted to Dr. La Violette for the suggestion.

I assume that by the time you get this you will have seen the material on the voting study which I sent to the Kentucky address. I shall look forward to hearing from you further after you get into the details of the study. Meanwhile I send you some copies of a voucher form for the reporting of compensation and expenses.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.
CC: Dr. F. La Violette

June 8, 1956

Mr. David Loth
Hudson Terrace
Piermont, New York

Dear Dave:

Many thanks for your several recent letters and for the additional items which you sent us. Your news about the New American Library is hopeful indeed, and I will get off a copy of our findings at the earliest possible moment.

I hadn't expected to be this long getting a first draft completed but the considerable number of late returns and last minute questions of language and arrangement, on top of other business is prolonging the process. You will be getting copy from us shortly, as will Mr. Weybright.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 8, 1956

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Rev. J. A. McDaniel
1297 South Parkway E.
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mac:

Enclosed are an application form and a pamphlet about the Encampment for Citizenship. Please have your daughter fill out the form and return it to me Air Mail Special Delivery.

If she is like her father, she will be a valuable contribution to the Encampment.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Enclosures - 2

Dictated by Mr. Routh. Signed by his secretary in his absence.

June 8, 1956

Mr. Benjamin Segal
Trade Union Consultant
1631 K Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Morton Elder came over last week, and we struck a deal. The enclosed letter briefly sums up the terms of the agreement. We discussed at some length the geographical areas, the particular unions and the various approaches which might be best. I have made no attempt to summarize our conclusions in the enclosed letter, but in general we felt that our focus should be on those places where the unions do not yet have a crystallized pattern of race relations; this is where policies and practices in the period just ahead will have the greatest effect. Of course, we will modify this general plan as much as necessary to tie in with Muravchik's study and to pursue promising lines of inquiry that open up after we get started. As soon as we get something on paper, I will send it to you.

I understand Muravchik is to pay us a visit some time during the latter part of this month. Meanwhile, we would welcome any ideas that you might care to put into the hopper.

I don't have to tell you that we are grateful to you for a chance to do some good work in this field. Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

June 11, 1956

Mrs. C. F. Goldthwaite
United Church Women of Louisiana
6101 Louisville Street
New Orleans 24, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Goldthwaite:

I regret I did not take full notes while you were talking to me that evening in New Orleans. Enclosed you will find copies of the report made to the office. I am sure of the main facts, of course, but I wasn't quite sure what time of day Mrs. Leshler saw the cars drive up before the college, or just what part of the week the Negroes were to have their family night at Hammond.

I have written Mrs. Cudd and sent her the invitation to be with us September 27 and 28. I am wondering if your own Council of Church women could not find the money to send you up. Of course, we are paying Mrs. Cudd's expenses.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

Enclosure.

June 11, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Loescher:

I regret that I did not see you while I was in New York.

On faith I am planning a much larger Southwide Church leaders meeting, September 27 and 28. Have applied to the Phelps-Stokes Fund and have hopes that from them the meeting can be financed.

Under separate cover I am mailing you the Gleanings from the South Carolina and Montgomery meetings and a report of a meeting at Birmingham and a trip to Louisiana.

The more I work with the women the more sure am I that they are the hope of our section in these trying days and I try not to be too frustrated because there are so little funds for the work that is so needed and could produce results.

With the best of wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

June 11, 1956

Mr. Harold L. Trigg
601 Grant Hall
514 West 122nd Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Trigg:

Mrs. Tilly passes along the following information on the Primus King case in answer to your letter of May 31:

> The lawyer associated with the case was Colonel Theo McGee of Columbus. He was the Chairman of the Democratic Committee of Muscogee County, and helped prepare the case against himself, since the suit was directed against the Democratic Committee.

Sincerely,

Beth Friedman
Secretary

bf/

June 11, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Thanks for the clippings and the copies of The Petal paper. However, you need not send any additional copies of the Petal papers since Mrs. Tilly subscribes to the very fine publication.

Again thanks for the clippings. We are always interested in seeing them.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable

JC:mbo
Encs.

June 11, 1956

1435 W. Wesley Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Friend:

Mr. Tilly and I both regret that other engagements make it impossible for us to attend the luncheon for Dr. Paul Leslie Garber on June 13.

We are both deeply interested in Israel and would extend best wishes to Dr. Garber. We hope when he returns we will be able to hear him.

Thank you for the invitation.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:mef

June 11, 1956

Dr. Charles Boss
740 Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Boss:

Please send one hundred copies of your last General Conference's statement on race. Also as many copies of the statement on War and the Social Creed. If you have these ready for distribution, please send the bill with this order and a check will be forthcoming.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

June 11, 1956

Mr. Alexander F. Miller
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Alex:

Thinking of our conversation and remembering that you thought you might secure some funds for the Fellowship of the Concerned (Southern women concerned about the South), of the Southern Regional Council.

I left with you the Gleanings from two of our State meetings and I am enclosing a report of my trip to Alabama.

Now as to the funds requested. You will find a three-year budget and a copy of an application drawn up by Dr. Mitchell that you might see what we are doing.

You asked me to state what we could do to prevent a recurrence of the Miss Lucy incident. I wish to state that we are watching very closely these applications of Negroes to State institutes and making the women in the State aware of any suit filed. They are making contacts already in such places as we do not have Church women interested in that community.

We are planning a September meeting bringing together the women leaders again from the South and all of this will be fully discussed and outlined.

Here's hoping you may be of help to us.

With the best of wishes to you and deeply appreciative of considerations you showed me when I was in New York, and all you have done for me throughout the years, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef
Enclosure

June 11, 1956

Dr. Claude Thompson
Candler School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Copies of the Petal paper were so appreciated that I immediately subscribed for it and every edition is as forthright as the one you sent me. I have succeeded in getting three other subscribers.

I am enclosing a copy of my report on my trip to Alabama and Louisiana. This gives you a picture of our South.

With best wishes to you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

Enclosure

June 12, 1956

Dr. J. H. Lewis, President
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Lewis:

I am enclosing a list of the colleges and universities desegregating in recent years. If you know of others, we would be glad to add those to our list.

Since Morris Brown's charter has never restricted the student body to Negroes it is not listed. Whenever there is the initial enrollment of white students we would like to add Morris Brown to this list with a comment on the inclusiveness of the charter.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

June 12, 1956

Dr. Harry V. Richardson, President
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

I am enclosing a list of the colleges and universities desegregating in recent years. If you know of others, we would be glad to add those to our list.

Since Gammon's charter has never restricted the student body to Negroes, I did not feel it should be listed as a "desegregating" institution. However, upon the initial enrollment of white students we would like to add Gammon to this list with a comment on the inclusiveness of the charter.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

June 12, 1956

Dr. J. P. Brawley, President
Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brawley:

I am enclosing a list of the colleges and universities desegregating in recent years. If you know of others, we would be glad to add those to our list.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

June 12, 1956

Dr. A. E. Manley, President
Spelman College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Manley:

I am enclosing a list of the colleges and universities desegregating in recent years. If you know of others, we would be glad to add those to our list.

Sincerely,

Florence S. Irving
Research Assistant

June 12, 1956

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

I am enclosing a list of the colleges and universities desegregating in recent years. If you know of others, we would be glad to add those to our list.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

June 12, 1956

Dr. R. E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

I am enclosing a list of the colleges and universities desegregating in recent years. If you know of others, we would be glad to add those to our list.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

cc: Mr. Harry S. Jones
FBR

June 12, 1956

Mr. Walter Spearman
Box 600
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Spearman:

You raise a problem that has never been solved.

Every now and again we encounter a situation in which a local group would wish their local body to affiliate with the Southern Regional Council or one of its state-wide affiliates. You would think that we would jump at the chance. And we do jump with hope. But we give pause because of the fact that the Southern Regional Council is an educational organization, living on tax-exempt money, and cannot engage in any kind of political or propagandist activity. So we have been most chary about letting any group not one hundred per cent individually affiliated with SRC be in a position to commit the Southern Regional Council. What we are afraid of is that somebody here or there will do some talking or some voting in a bunch and thus carry us along willy-nilly.

On this account we have tried to hold to the rule that we not have direct local affiliates of SRC.

But in any case the question is academic as far as SRC is concerned. The Southern Regional Council for the last three years has been merely a Board of Directors. And our affiliated state organizations have their individual members.

An affiliated state organization has some flexibility and could presumably, if it insisted, work out the matter with safeguards for local affiliates whose members were not members of the state organization. We don't like the idea, but with safeguards (never yet devised) we could be persuaded.

So that the matter is for discussion with Harry Jones and his officers. I am satisfied that your Advisory Citizens' School Council is exactly the right thing to do. And John Constable tells us you are an exceptionally good egg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 12, 1956

Mr. Samuel Spiegler
Managing Editor
National Association of Intergroup
Relations Officials
9 East Thirty-Eighth Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Spiegler:

Mrs. Margaret Dagen has surrendered the Executive Directorship of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations to Mr. Galen Weaver, whose office is at 208 West Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Mrs. Margaret Dagen has become a private school-teaching citizen, resides at 114 South Bemiston, Clayton 5, Missouri. Clayton is next door to St. Louis.

Maggie Dagen continues to be a most helpful citizen.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 12, 1956

Mr. Preston Valien
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Preston:

I was lately at some meeting where there were two or three people from South Carolina, including I believe a Mr. McConnell from Orangeburg. Some of these people know a good deal about the matter in Jasper County, about which Mr. McCain answered your questions.

What I was told was that South Carolina cockily, a year or so ago, repealed its compulsory school attendance law. So when the Negro people in Jasper County withheld their children from school they were violating no South Carolina ordinance. But when a month had rolled by the school system in the county was in a bad way upon reporting average daily attendance. ADE was way down. So the state money would have to be much reduced! So the school board ~~cowed~~. caved AD

I cannot vouch for the authenticity of this, but it certainly sounds authentic.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 12, 1956

June 12, 1956

Mrs. Arthur Fabrick
26 Canterbury Road
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Fabrick:

I enjoyed your group a whole lot, and appreciate everybody's coming over at a queer time.

Our Secretary-Treasurer receipted and acknowledges the helpful 50¢.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 12, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

Flattered and happy to come. But the catch is somebody in Florida would have to raise up half of my expenses.

I am promised to be at Ann Arbor, Michigan on the 13th, and I have to be an entire week in Texas beginning Monday, August 27th. Otherwise pick your date, but pick it fast and let me know so as to get it on the calendar.

If you can't raise half the expenses, we will just have to call it off, dismal though I will be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 12, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

Many thanks for what you so kindly sent up about the man Baker.

This was a personal concern, but it is extremely helpful to be able to pass on such accurate information to a proper place.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 12, 1956

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Miserably I promised months ago to be at Pennsylvania State University on July 11th, and you have written and asked me to be at Fisk that day.

I am free on July 9th and until the afternoon of July 10th, and again on July 13th.

Alternatively, if you want somebody necessarily for July 11th, I can try to send you Fred Routh, but I do not today know whether he is free that day or not.

I am a devoted staffer at your Institute, and I am honored to be invited to be part of it again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 12, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
c/o F. W. Climard
770 Roslyn Road
Winston Salem, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

When circumstances are easier for you and you can put your mind on this matter, please tell me what you wish done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Photo ltr from
Mr. Clement
dtd 6/11/56

June 12, 1956

Miss Sue Mills
Secretary to
Mr. Ben Segal
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
1820 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Mills:

Yes ma'am I will behave, and I am available for the Texas State Federation of Labor the week beginning August 27th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 12, 1956

Mr. Frank Starzell
General Manager
The Associated Press
50 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Starzell:

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson of the Daytona Beach Morning Journal asked me to send you this pamphlet.

The fact that we send it is some indication of the esteem in which we hold Mr. Davidson and yourself, because the pamphlet is entirely out of print and we have removed this precious copy from our files. I admit that we have five more -- but only five more!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Race in the News

cc: Mr. Herbert M. Davidson

June 12, 1956

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

I delivered the package of pamphlets to the Methodist Book Store at Junaluska and the one at Blue Ridge, and the rest I brought back.

At Junaluska people said the store is a mere branch of the Methodist Book Store in general and they had no device for keeping accounts, and further they had no authorization to stock books unless so directed by their superiors, the Methodist Book Store, I think, in Atlanta. So I ended with the Methodists by just leaving the pamphlets (as someone else had lately done with some others) and saying sell them if they could, all benefits accruing to the book store, and give them away if they could not.

Blue Ridge was friendly as I know the people. They took the twenty on consignment and understood the memo and will comply. But the Junaluska experience was so little promising that I had not the courage to attempt Ridgecrest and Montreat, and in any case I landed miles from Kanuga. So the only people we have any follow-up with are the Blue Ridge people.

eab/

June 12, 1956

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

The Executive Committee meets at Fregmore at St. Helena's Island, South Carolina (which is near Beaufort) on July 20-21.

Do come if you possibly can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 12, 1956

GSA:

I saw Paul Williams in Richmond June 9th. He spoke of desiring to come to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, so I take it he considers himself a member, though he has never accepted his election to Vice-President.

You might make some notation in the box that he is to be considered a member, and so amend the appropriate lists.

eab/

June 12, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vige
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

The February 1 Newsletter spoke of Arna Bontemps' book. I send you ours for your quickest reading. Get it back and we will send it to the Virginia Council and on down the line. Extraordinary commendation will be meted out to that state office that reads the book the fastest and gives it back the quickest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
Arna Bontemps' Story of the Negro

June 12, 1956

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Leonard:

We are sorry to have you resign, but I understand the considerations which move you. I will present the matter to the Executive Committee at its meeting in July.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 12, 1956

Mrs. Mabel Garrett Wagner
Woman's Division of Christian Service
of the Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Wagner:

I am very grateful for the handsome check and for kind remembrings that I came, and I had a good time talking to your nice people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 12, 1956

Miss Margaret Berry
Field Secretary
National Federation of Settlements
and Neighborhood Centers
226 West Forty-Seventh Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Miss Berry:

I do thank you most warmly for your check, and I thank everybody for being nice enough to ask me to come to St. Louis.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 12, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Many thanks for your letter of June 5th about Mr. Fleming. We have sent him the same letter we sent the others; and we have sent him the same materials.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 13, 1956

Dear Nat,

Highlander Folk School has frequently been described by the (quite bad) newspaper in Knoxville and occasionally by the (equally bad) queer newspaper in Chattanooga (Not the Chattanooga Times; it is responsible) as "pinko". The substance to the charge is that Myles Horton is (and I would agree) some kind of Socialist; and that many years ago, when the school was young, two of its teachers were Jim Dombrowski and Don West. Jim Dombrowski has been much accused of Communist connections. I have never thought him a direct part of the Communist movement, but he has certainly been more tolerant of them than I would approve. He left the School, after a quarrell, a long time ago; say twenty years back. Don West, I am told, after he left the school did join the Communist Party. He has s nce renounced the Communists, and gets pestered at his farm in North Georgia every now and then by the inquisitive press. But I don'T think that in the high times when Dombrowski and West were at Highlander that Communism had come into the scene in any impostant way. The people at Highlander were for organized labor in the days before that was respectable, and they got denounced. B t in my judgment they weren't Communists. And I don't think anybody up there is.

I have b en on the Board of Highlander since about 1946; and I stay on, despite some criticism, because I don't think they are reds.

But I recognize that the constituencies of SRC and of Highlander are quite different, and I am most chary of lending any color of SRC approval (though me) to Higlander. It istrue that Fred and Irene and G. H. taought up there, or appeared there, for a day or two, last summer or before. B t Irene was there on her own as an AFSC person. And the first summer of Highlander's workshop on integration I helped get them a few students through our State Organizations. But I have not been to the Institute myself, and don't propose to do so; just because I have no right as SRC's man to

to lend any SRC blessing to an independent enterprise which I personally happen to approve.

So that's about where it stands.

Glad you wrote; right to have these matters straight.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

June 14, 1956

Mr. William G. Shannon
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Bill:

Enclosed are the applications for seven participants in the Encampment for Citizenship. These are the winners of the scholarships you provided for the Southern Regional Council. We hope to have three more in the next few days.

We believe that this opportunity will help build a backlog of dedicated and instructed young people in the South - dedicated to democracy and instructed in methods of furthering the democratic process.

Thank you for your generosity and congratulations on the noble work you are doing.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mcf

Enclosures.

Dictated by Mr. Routh. Signed by his secretary in his absence.

June 14, 1956

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Galen A. Martin
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

Wednesday afternoon the 20th to come to Frankfort is tempting, and let us hope something I can agree to. Which includes supper emphatically.

The problem is that I have no power to sign away an afternoon or evening when command of my time still belongs to Jimmy Wolfe in Louisville and Willis Sutton in Lexington.

Jimmy Wolfe customarily fixes it so that I am through with teaching by lunchtime. But sometimes he cannot so arrange it. And my first obligation is to be there and teach for him. I daresay if you telephone to him or somebody close under him at Lexington (where the school is now in session) you could find out about the schedule.

Same problem with Willis Sutton. If he isn't using me on Wednesday, I am your man on Wednesday. But if he is, I am his! So you also have to call Willis and see about Wednesday.

Sorry, but that is the miserable way it is.

Meanwhile, I will do nothing further to complicate the Wednesday possibility, and will hope that it will work out.

You had best get a note over to me at the Kentucky Labor school (probably being held at Donovan Hall) against Monday, June 18th, telling me what happened. And if the afternoon is clear I will hope that you will show for lunch in Lexington on the Wednesday and then we could [illegible].

By the way, how about showing on Monday morning at my class? Bring thy lady wife. I will on the Monday make my one good speech, and the two of you will be instructed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
c/o Mr. Frank W. Climard
770 Roslyn Road
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

As you requested, in your letter of May 31st, I have drafted possible letters for your signature, respectfully to state staff personnel and central office personnel.

I have not caused these drafts to be submitted to Mr. Joseph Haas, but his letter of May 14th (copy enclosed) would appear to me to authorize the procedure which follows so closely my letter to Mr. Joseph Haas of May 4th.

Do alter these drafts in any way that you think desirable. And if you wish me to get them reviewed by Mr. Haas in the July 20-21 meeting of the Executive Committee, I will be willing to submit them though I cannot, as a layman, see the need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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June 14, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
c/o Mr. Frank W. Clinard
770 Roslyn Road
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Anent the matter of liability for needs that state staff may have for involvement of Counsel, I rather feel that we ought, even retroactively, to help out Guy Wells. I don't know accurately what disposition was made, but I assume that the Georgia Committee paid the $100 or $125 or so involved. We could afford to pay it and it would be my recommendation to the Executive Committee that we do.

If you will be ready with your view at the time of the July meeting, the matter could be decided.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1956

(Dictated June 12)

Mr. H. Philip Mettger
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mettger:

Lately we have had a considerable spate of being sponsor for visitors. Hardly anything from you, but quite a lot from others.

I travel so much of the time that quite frequently the actual completion of my prearrangings for thevisitors falls on members of the staff here. They are willing-spirited persons, but the amount of telephoning and importuning that it takes to make all needed arrangements is more than a beleaguered agency can spare.

So with some reluctance I now announce to all and sundry that I and the Southern Regional Council cannot longer be local sponsor and arranger of programs for visitors. We are all perfectly willing to be a stop on the underground railroad.

And for the Institute of Governmental Affairs I continue to grant permission to use me and us as sponsors for this or that person who quite specially fits.

This does not mean we are backing out; it just means we are readjusting the load.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1956

(Dictated June 12)

Mr. Wilfred R. Brunner
Chief, European Branch
Trade Union Programs Division
U. S. Department of Labor
Office of International Labor Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brunner:

I and my Southern Regional Council are going to have to back out of being sponsors for additional foreign visitors.

I am so frequently out of the city that the burden of making final exact arrangements falls on my staff, and it isn't right to burden them with that when they have a lot else to do anyway.

We are perfectly willing to be a resource for visitors tocome and see. And we will persuade them and talk at them until we and they are blue in the face. But unless most exceptionally, we can't any longer handle the business of the local sponsors.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1956

(Dictated June 12th)

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

For the Texas Federation of Labor I shall be coming to Texas for the week beginning Monday, August 27th.

It occurred to me that I just might be lucky enough that this might be a proper time to fetch together your various friends to whom we are sending literature. On the other hand, that being the end of August, probably not.

And I will be glad to come whenever it may be suitable for your needs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1956

Mr. A. M. Freeman
201 Boundary Street
Montevallo, Alabama

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Several of us here saw Barnett's Christian Century article on Faulkner, and we agree with you that it is well done. More recently Faulkner has pulled the teeth of what he said both in The Reporter and in the Life magazine editorial. He wrote letters to Time and to The Reporter, and his Harpers' article carries the same thesis.

That Harpers' article by the way is an elaboration of an earlier speech which we are distributing -- copy herewith.

Considering the confused record we don't think it helpful to blow up the controversy at this time.

I quite agree that it is up to the churches to bring about the change in attitudes that are necessary and right. And I see little signs that they are taking up the lead in an organized way. Here and there at very scattered points, yes. But broadly, no. And they should now live up to their leadership.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. "Three Views of the Segregation Decisions"

June 14, 1956

Mr. Lanier Hunt
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the United States of America
79 East Adams Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Lanier:

It took us a long long time to grind through the paper work of turning back to you some facts about your friend Jay Clark of Mullins, South Carolina. You asked us early in March to get you some more facts. He was a school teacher who, as you will remember, at a Methodist Church (though he was a Baptist) had spoken against segregation and had subsequently been dismissed from his job. You said Clark was then employed at Bath, South Carolina.

I wrote my people in South Carolina and they turned up a lead that Clark was at Myrtle Beach. Wrote over there and got no answer.

Then as of April 16th they fetched in a clipping from a newspaper in Marion, South Carolina which said that Clark had entered the University of Chicago, and said that Clark was working toward a Master's degree in physical education, and that he had been given a scholarship by the National Council of Christian Churches. Clipping said that he will study at the University of Chicago for the next three month's period and then expects to enter a college in the South and work on for a Master's.

I don't know why it is until now that the news trickles through to me. But here it is.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Many thanks for the news on the man Jay Clark. I have sent it on to our original inquirer.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1956

Mrs. Mollie Todd
1489 Clairmont Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Todd:

Here is a letter from a man in Delaware who wants to be your man in Tennessee.

I spent five years in Northern Delaware myself and went one year to the University of Delaware where this young man went. It is three miles South of the Mason and Dixon line, and about three hundred miles South of it spiritually -- or was in my time. So I shouldn't rule the man out as coming from beyond the pale.

Otherwise I have no knowledge of him, or interest in him one way or another.

We are always insistent that each state do entirely its own job of choosing professional and clerical personnel. We keep a veto power (which you will have been told we have twice exercised on Tennessee proposals!), but I wanted to be quite clear that we have no concern to pick a state organization's personnel.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - photo of ltr dtd 6/12/56
from Mr. Irwin Schulman

June 14, 1956

Mr. Irwin Schulman
301 South Maryland Avenue
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Schulman:

I have sent a copy of your letter on to the temporary Chairman of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, Mrs. Mollie Todd, 1489 Clairmont Place, Nashville.

I am a sometime Delawarean myself and went to Delaware College my first year. And consider myself a Newarker.

You were probably thereabouts when my niece, Barbara Mitchell, was at the Women's College.

They have asked me up to Fisk for July 11th, but I can't be there that day, and I have not yet closed with them on any substitute day.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 14, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
c/o Mr. Frank W. Clinard
770 Roslyn Road
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

As you requested, in your letter of May 31st, I have drafted possible letters for your signature, respectively to state staff personnel and central office personnel.

I have not caused these drafts to be submitted to Mr. Joseph Haas, but his letter of May 14th (copy enclosed) would appear to me to authorize the procedure which follows so closely my letter to Mr. Joseph Haas of May 4th.

Do alter these drafts in any way that you think desirable. And if you wish me to get them reviewed by Mr. Haas before the July 20-21 meeting of the Executive Committee, I will be willing to submit them though I cannot, as a layman, see the need.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls. - 3

Same letter sent to:

Miss Bernice Proctor, 2051 N. Miro St., New Orleans 19, La.
Miss Pecola Abraham, Box 612, Route 8, Charlotte, N. C.
Miss Joyce Courtney, 1918 Columbus St., New Orleans, La.
Mr. John HopeIII, 1808 Morena Street, Nashville, Tenn. (with P. S.)
Mr. Leroy Howe, 1002 Madrid St., Coral Gables, Fla. (with P. S.)
Mr. Pat Faulkner, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Charlotte, N.C.

P. S. (For those enclosing checks): We are returning herewith your check for ten dollars for the scholarship covers all tuition costs while at the Encampment.

June 14, 1956

Miss Beverly J. McDaniel
1297 S. Parkway E.
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Miss McDaniel:

You have been awarded a scholarship to the Encampment for Citizenship. These scholarships were given to the Southern Regional Council to distribute to outstanding young people in the South. We believe that the opportunities presented at the Encampment will greatly benefit you as an individual and because of this, the community from which you come.

Democracy we recognize as a desirable thing. We believe you will become a better and more participating citizen because of the experience you will have this summer. You are to be congratulated for your past activities and yours will be the responsibility to help bring about a more democratic society in our time.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Dictated by Mr. Routh, signed by secretary in his absence.

June 15, 1956

Miss Helen E. Groninger
The Christian Education Press
1505 Race Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Groninger:

Love of This Land is well done! Thanks for the copy.

We are adding the book to our bibliography of suggested reading and resource material. Also, we will advise the directors of our twelve state affiliates that the book is available. In turn, the affiliate directors usually list new material in the field in their newsletters which go to individual members.

If you could send us twelve or fifteen additional promotion pamphlets, it would be easier for our directors to get an idea of what the book contains.

With best wishes for the success of this new book.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Mr. George T. Guernsey
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

I think Knight's statement is excellent. If you would ask Boris to send me one or two hundred copies I will get them out quite usefully.

When I was in Washington last, I connected with Boris at a meeting. We had only instants, but he said that our $5,000 was presently hung up on whether it should come out of general funds or out of the William Green Foundation. I opined that we don't care which it comes from just so it comes. I think what he was saying was that if it were to come out of foundation funds it would take some little while.

I stand by my view that we need the help and will need it this Summer. And it matters not to me whether it comes from one account or another. But I ought to be receiving it in June, July, or August for it to bring its saving health.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. My people who get literature out say they could use anything up to 2,000 copies of the Knight statement.

June 15, 1956

(Dictated June 14th)

Fred Fuges
Director of Rights of
Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Fred Fuges:

This crazy Mississippi law ought to be overruled in a court and overruled fast.

It is out of our character to go after it.

I suppose the NAACP will get around to attacking the law in due time. But it would come with good grace if somebody else asserted honorable American doctrines against such a scandal.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.- Photo "Anti-NAACP Activity in Deep South"
NAIRO Reporter, May '56.

June 15, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

This is to remind you of my letter to you of May 23rd about compliance with state statutes, which wanted a report from you by July 1st.

If you have sent it, all praises! If you haven't, please prepare.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

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324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

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Frankfort, Kentucky

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Atlanta 3, Georgia

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GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

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Mrs. R. S. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

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If you have sent it, all praises! If you haven't, please prepare.

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Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

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1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

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June 15, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
309 West Twenty-First Street
Austin, Texas

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June 15, 1956

Father Raymond Bernard, S. J.
Social Order
3908 Westminster Place
Saint Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Father Bernard:

I had a pleasant talk yesterday with Father H. L. Cooper, S. J. of Loyola. He is commissioned to prepare a catechism on these matters before the end of September. I thought his approach most wise.

Here are a couple of copies of what we called the Vastine Report.

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All depends upon All depends upon the incentive and flare for conversation and for reporting of the person you send out. Skillfully done, it is extremely rewarding.

For reasons you and I discussed the solution must be local. And about the most one can do is to get responsible local citizens to pick up the principal burden of adjustment and agreement. We were fortunate in the Vastine one because Vastine so skillfully reported his every movement. He almost reported brushing his teeth. And detail made it come alive. So it might be well to instruct anyone who goes out to be thus detailed.

We did a similar job also in the Appalachian territory, by sending out a Berea teacher to talk with public school officials in a dozen or so Appalachian counties. And that we thought quite rewarding.

As a rough guess I would say that the travel expenses will run between four and five hundred dollars a month. Salary on top of that. This is per person traveling.

Vigo could help on people to see in Louisiana. So would our state people in the other states on the people to see elsewhere.

Here is a list of our state people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl - 2 copies of the Vastine Report,
mimeographed.

List of SRC Affiliated State Organizations

June 15, 1956

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June 15, 1956

Mr. T. J. Woofter
1869 Wyoming Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jack:

I got around today to reading with care the chapter on cooperation.

My few and small marks are mostly in red pencil, but on page thirteen I resorted to inky scratches.

I suggest that on page one you are too harsh on the NAACP. Would advise gentler language.

On page thirteen where you have Spring Hill, I say Mobile. Spring Hill is not much more than a Jesuit college and a straggle of suburban homes. Mobile does have a newly set up bi-racial committee invoked by the Mayor. The real truth is that a priest at Spring Hill, Father Foley, induced the Mayor to set up the committee.

Generally speaking I think the chapter is a fair and certainly a helpful presentation of the period. It will make a real contribution to Southern history.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Ms.

June 15, 1956

Miss Louise Young
Scarritt College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

I came across this draft of the map speech.

It has a number of errors, but most of it seems to run true to form.

The movie version that they are making is to my mind gravely reduced. For instance, they cut out nearly the whole business about the mountains, which is the funniest part. However, I am in the hands of the movie-makers.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 15, 1956

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

You were nice to write.

The Northern Presbyterian Church is now making a movie out of the map speech. They are cutting it wickedly, but it still ought to do some good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Mr. Albert Vorspan
Commission on Social Action
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Albert:

I have asked our Secretary-Treasurer to buy a copy of your book. And if she does I will read it and learn.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Mr. Robert G. Stephens
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Stephens:

I am so glad Galen Martin is going to make you a speech.

I wrote your Art Department to find out where George Rickey went to, but the Art Department keeps mighty quiet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Mr. Jack Clareman
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation
c/o Polikoff and Clareman
11 West Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

We continue to hope for favorable action on our appeal of January 26th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

DT:

May I have some account of your travels in April, May, and June of this year?

Quarterly report coming up June 30th.

eab/

June 15, 1956

FHR:

May I have some account of your travels in April, May, and June of this year?

Quarterly report coming up June 30th.

eab/

June 15, 1956

JH:

Quarterly report coming up June 30th. Can you give me a compressed version (say 200 words) of the more luminous events in your line.

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

FBI:

Nice if some days before June 30th I could have another screed from you on the kind of useful things your office does.

eab/

June 15, 1956

HCF:

Some days before June 30th, and if you could, give me something in your normal capacity as informationary, and in your para-normal capacity of fact-gatherer.

cab/

June 15, 1956

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Moore Building
Room 206
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I went to a meeting at Junaluska, in early June, of an Ecumenical Institute for the Southeast, organized by the National Council of Churches. Among those present was:

Prof. Carl J. Landes
Southern Union College
Wadley, Alabama

If he doesn't belong to your show, maybe he will join.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Miss Anne Lockwood
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Anne:

I am delighted to know that somebody sure enough got went with.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

I went to a meeting at Junaluska, in early June, of an Ecumenical Institute for the Southeast, organized by the National Council of Churches. Among those present was:

Mrs. John Maloy
210 YMCA Building
Louisville, Kentucky

If she doesn't belong to your show, maybe she will join.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I went to a meeting at Junaluska in early June of an Ecumenical Institute for the Southeast, organized by the National Council of Churches. Among those present was:

Elmer Tarrall
Granby High School
Norfolk, Virginia

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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June 15, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

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Rev. Richard O. Bass
1108 Blanding Street
Columbia 1

Rev. E. C. Carr
P. O. Box 662
Estill

Rev. W. G. Garvin
P. O. Box 114
Estill

Caroline Lee Gillespie
Route 1
Hartsville

Miss Anne Herbert
125 Broad St.
Sumter

Rev. D. W. Reston
822 Flat Street
Allendale

If they don't belong to your show, maybe they will join.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

June 15, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

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Rev. John L. Bryan
Bennett College
Greensboro

Mr. and Mrs. James Y. Perry
Sky Valley Farm
Zirconia

Rev. & Mrs. W. W. Sloan
Elon College
Elon College

Mrs. M. B. Smith
Bennett College
Greensboro

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/ab

June 15, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

I went to a meeting at Junaluska, in early June, of an Ecumenical Institute for the Southeast, organized by the National Council of Churches. Among those present were:

Mrs. J. M. Edenfield
2908 Post Street, Apt. 4
Jacksonville

Miss Mae Fleck
1915 23rd Street
Vero Beach

Mrs. J. B. Henry
923 Sorrento Road
Jacksonville

Mrs. W. J. Huber
1915 23rd Street
Vero Beach,

Mrs. Adalla Langill
1630 14th St. North
St. Petersburg

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Moloney
1630 14th St. North
St. Petersburg

Mrs. Pearl Newman
Vero Beach

Edna Tyler
Vero Beach

If they don't belong to your show, maybe they will join.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

June 15, 1956

Mr. Guy H. Wells
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wells:

I went to a meeting at Junaluska, in early June, of an Ecumenical Institute for the Southeast, organized by the National Council of Churches. Among those present were:

Mrs. J. Edward Lantz
1040 Springdale Road, N. E.
Atlanta

Rev. & Mrs. M. B. Porter, Jr.
P. O. Box 401 - Northside Station
Atlanta

Mrs. H. V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta

Rev. & Mrs. G. Jackson Stafford
Veteran's Administration Hospital
Dublin

Mrs. Ethyl Carlton
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta

If they don't belong to your show, maybe they will join.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Mrs. Mollie Todd
1489 Clairmont Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Todd:

I went to a meeting at Junaluska, in early June, of an Ecumenical Institute for the Southeast, organized by the National Council of Churches. Among those present were:

Rev. Jose' D. Fajardo
124 Jordan Avenue
McKenzie

Bertha Gobel
3720 Richland Avenue
Nashville

Rev. & Mrs. Nathaniel Linsey
2537 Selma Ave.
Knoxville

Sallie Lou MacKinnon
3822 Richland Ave.
Nashville 5

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Russell
825 Tusculum Blv'd
Greenville

Louise Young
3822 Richland Avenue
Nashville

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Mr. David Loth
Hudson Terrace
Piermont, New York

Dear Dave:

We have finally pulled this draft together. You will probably detect signs of the fact that it was under revision right up through the typing, and it is subject to further revision and editing.

I am also sending a copy to Dave Freeman and one to Victor Weybright. I am somewhat apprehensive of the funds involved in Weybright's proposal, but I hope something will come of it.

I will welcome your reactions and further news, when it develops, of publication plans.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

June 15, 1956

Mr. Victor Weybright
The New American Library
501 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Weybright:

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Mr. Freeman of the Fund for the Republic. I am enclosing a copy of our report on desegregation in the seventeen border and Southern states and District of Columbia. I needn't say that it is subject to as much additional editing and revision as may be called for.

I hope that some workable publication plan will emerge from your correspondence with the Fund for the Republic.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

June 15, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

Here at last is the first complete draft of our survey of desegregation in the seventeen Southern and border states. You are doubtless too busy to wade through it in detail, but I hope that a quick skimming makes you feel, as we do, that the results are fairly impressive.

I am sending a copy to David Loth and, at his request, one to Mr. Weybright at the New American Library.

Please pass on this copy to others in the Fund who should see it. If you need more, let me know and we will turn them out.

Needless to say, we are grateful to the Fund for making this job possible.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

P.S. I gather that Frank sent you the rough incomplete draft which I sent to him. Please drop that one in file 13.

June 15, 1956

Dr. Charles L. Allen
Grace Methodist Church
458 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Allen:

I hope you have no engagements on the 18th and 19th of July, for we need you on those days. We need you very greatly.

The Retreat of the United Church Women of Georgia is to be at Wesley Camp (the camp of the Wesley Community House), and it is near Lithia Springs.

We want you really for a spiritual advisor, and at least two messages, one on each day. Our General Subject is, "Can We Be Christian in Today's World?"

Our women have convictions, but many times they do not have the courage of their convictions as they face the mores of their communities. They need help and I believe you have the message and the spiritual power that would give us the strength and spiritual power we need.

I am leaving Sunday for a week at the Central Jurisdiction's School of Missions in Gulfport, Mississippi. If you will call Mr. Tilly at TRinity 2-2951 and give him your "YES", he will wire me. Here is hoping your reply will be in the affirmative.

There are many times that I have said, as I read your article in our paper, that I would call you or write you and express my appreciation, but some way I have never found time to do it. But all the same the articles have been fine and have helped me.

With the best of wishes to you and Mrs. Allen, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Chairman of Spiritual Life,
United Church Women of Georgia

MET:mef

June 15, 1956

Mr. Carey McWilliams
Editor
The Nation
333 Sixth Avenue
New York 14, New York

Dear Carey:

These still have it, in full force and effect:

Mississippi
Virginia
Arkansas
Texas

A fifth state, Alabama, retains it, but it no longer is cumulative for more than two years, and it does not apply to veterans.

Tennessee for some years prior to 1953 had remnants of it, but in 1953 totally removed it from the State Constitution.

So five have it, but Alabama has it in so mild a form as to make not much of a barrier.

The real barrier in all the states is not the poll tax; it is dependency, or discriminatory practices in registration, or intimidation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 15, 1956

Mr. Charles F. MacLennan
Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
1309 East Broad Street
Columbus 5, Ohio

Dear Mr. MacLennan:

I ought now to plan the travel to Antioch.

Has the schedule so far jelled that you can tell me when I shall be needed on Friday, June 29th?

And I have a note somewhere I believe that you are through with me July 1st by or before twelve noon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 18, 1956

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Room 206
Moore Building
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

By our records Alabama has still not put up a man to be on the Finance Committee of the Board of SRC. So I send this letter to you informationally. But we still want you to name us somebody. Everybody else did.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Memo to members of Exec. Com., and members of SRC Finance Com., dtd 6/18/56

June 18, 1956

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: HCF
FBR
DT
GSA
RHA

FROM: GSM

John Hope called June 15th. Can GSM be at Fisk July 11th? Answer - no. Can Fred come? Answer - yes, so far as GSM is concerned. SRC would be willing to pay Fred's fare to Nashville and back, but would expect FIRR to feed and sleep Fred free.

Hope is pressed for time and has a little trouble giving the Consultants' Services program as much time as he should. Now additionally he gets pressed for this or that service to Muravchik; and he can see looming up considerable policy consultations as to the labor movement in the current situation. What does SRC want him to do?

Answer - GSM distinguishes between John Hope as a research practitioner and as a policy brain. GSM sharply discourages John Hope's being a research participant, and pressingly encourages John Hope as policy consultant on labor things.

There is the possibility that if John Hope would get substantially used on fact-finding, some of the funds of that program could cover (HCF agreeing). But Hope agreed that he, Hope, ought not to be doing more than advising on method of research. I gave Hope every encouragement to feel free as an SRC person to advise the labor movement on policy at SRC expense.

Was pleased with Florida meeting.

Had finally had conversation with the Mayor of Nashville, who is not yet ready for effective use of consultants. However, His Honor did think that maybe before long Nashville would be ready to move.

eab/

June 18, 1956

Mr. Gilbert Harrison, Publisher
New Republic
1824 Jefferson Place N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harrison:

George Mitchell, who has been traveling pretty steadily, discussed with me between trips your letter of June 1 and asked me to get off an answer.

Our arrangement with The Reporter was a frankly economic trade. We liked their article by Thomas Thrasher, who is one of our leading Alabama people and who nicely plugged our movement. We inquired about enough reprints to reach our mailing list and found the cost beyond comfortable reach. The Reporter offered to supply reprints free in return for inclusion of a brief promotion letter, and we agreed.

We are under pretty stern policy not to use or lend our mailing list for promotion purposes and deviated in this case only because of the quid pro quo.

Needless to say, we like the New Republic and all of its principals. But, in order to be on sound ground, we would need a comparable reason for sending out a promotion letter. On some occasion when the New Republic has published something of unusual interest to our mailing list, we would be glad to consider the same kind of arrangement.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE,

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

June 18, 1956

To: Directors of affiliated state organizations

From: John Constable JC

This is to advise you that the following publications are no longer available from our office:

A Manual for the Home Town Self Survey: Your Community Looks at Itself.

Schools in the South: Answers for Action.*

A Checklist for Your Local Schools.

The Churches Speak.

* A revision of this pamphlet is now under way and may be published as a regular issue of New South.

June 20, 1956

Professor James E. Pierce
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pierce:

This is in reference to my letter of June 8th inquiring about the possibility of your assuming the direction for us of a survey of Negro suffrange in Alabama - part of a southwide study we are making. I realize, of course, that you may have felt the need for some time to consider the proposal; on the other hand, there is always the possibility that the letter failed to reach you. It would greatly reassure me if you would drop me a line, at your earliest convenience, about the prospects of our securing your services.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 20, 1956

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, President
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for yourkind invitation to participate in the Fisk Institute on Race Relations. It was generous to provide an entire morning for us to present the program for the Southern Regional Council to the Institute. The morning of July 11 - which you suggest - fits into my schedule without conflict.

I will talk with George Mitchell, John Hope, Harold Fleming and C. H. Parrish about this presentation and we will work out the details.

I like your idea of a question and answer period following the presentation, and we will make plans for such.

It was indeed generous of Herman Long to offer free tuition and rooms for our professional staff who attend the Institute. This sort of cooperation means so much to those of us who work in the field.

I will write you in greater detail about our plans for the morning of July 11 well prior to that time.

Best personal regards to you and Mrs. Johnson.

In haste,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Copy: Rev. Hughes
Dr. Gomillion

June 20, 1956

Dr. Stanley H. Smith, Chairman
Division of Social Science
Tuskegee Institute,
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Smith:

We have received your recent letter notifying us of your change of residence from North Carolina to Alabama and your affiliation with Tuskegee Institute. We are pleased that you wish to continue your relationship with our State affiliate of the Southern Regional Council.

The Alabama affiliate of our organization is:

The Alabama Council on Human Relations
Moore Building, Room 206
Court Street,
Montgomery, Alabama. Telephone 2-0450

The Director of the Alabama Council is the Rev. Robert E. Hughes, a young Methodist minister with real ability in the field of human relations and a deep dedication to democracy. If you will explain your change of address to him, I am sure he will be glad to add you to the membership list of the Alabama Council. We have changed your address so that you will receive New South at Tuskegee.

Dr. Charles Gomillion of Tuskegee is a longtime member of the Southern Regional Council and a founding member of the Alabama Council. He will be glad to talk with you about the work of the Alabama Council and how you may fit in with it.

We are interested in your proposed study on "An Understanding of Race Relations in the South" and also "The Evaluation of the Attitudes of Negro Teachers Toward Desegregation." We would like to see them for study upon their completion.

Once more, thank you for your continuing interest in the field work in which are both engaged.

Sincerely,

FHR:mef

Frederick H. Routh, Assistant Director

Copy - Ruth House Alexander

June 20, 1956

Mr. Arthur J. Levin, Executive Secretary
Anti Defamation League of Bênai B'rith
41 Exchange Place
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Art:

I surely enjoyed the Conference on Human Relations out at the University of Oklahoma. I think the ADL made a real contribution to furthering understanding among Southern educators. I sincerely felt the whole thing was most worthwhile and enjoyed participating in it.

I think that a follow-up conference in, say, six months would be a wonderful help to the people involved and also in evaluating the effectiveness of such conferences.

Gertrude Noar asked that I send you my expense account for the trip. It is enclosed.

I am off for a conference with the UAW-CIO in Michigan. Will call you for lunch on my return.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Encl.

Copy - RHA

June 20, 1956

Mrs. Charles Williams, President
National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers
c/o Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Mayme:

It was truly a joy to be with you and the other participants at the 30th Annual Conference of the NCCPT in Shreveport. I enjoyed the sessions very much and thought that the group had gotten down to brass tacks in a hurry and this impressed me. Dr. Davis and Dr. Caliver surely made great addresses to the assembly. I thought little Mrs. Burr was a real addition to the gathering too. But, as usual, the star performer in my book was my good friend from Miami - Mayme Williams.

Enclosed is my expense account for the conference. Note that there are three nights of hotel bill, one of those being in Oklahoma City in between the two conferences, and since I billed the ADL for the air transportation, I figured I had better not bill them for the extra nights' lodging.

It was wonderful to be with you and I hope that it may be possible for me to stop off at the Encampment for Citizenship sometime during its session.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Encl.

June 20, 1956

Mr. Edward Howden, Executive Director
Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for the check covering my expenses and your share of the honorarium. I am sorry I am late in sending this note of thanks, but I have been out of the office ever since my return from the West Coast.

I think the entire West Coast trip was most worthwhile from our point of view, for it helped interpret events in the South as they are happening and not as the "dramatic episode conscious" newspapers would have people believe.

Paul Obluda sent me a letter from some gal who saw "Barrier" and I will answer her later as soon as I return from the UAW-CIO conference in Detroit. Please give my warm regards to Paul.

I have just returned from a Southwide conference on human relations at the University of Oklahoma, jointly sponsored by that institution and the Anti Defamation League. We had representatives from all the Southern States. It was a most worthwhile session.

On the way back from the Oklahoma conference, I stopped at the 30th Annual Conference of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers in Shreveport, Louisiana, and spoke to them. They were having a down-to-earth workshop-type session which was very much worthwhile.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

June 20, 1956

Mr. Eason Monroe,
Southern California Executive Director
Southern California Branch
American Civil Liberties Union
5927 Sunset Boulevard,
Los Anegeles 28, California

Dear Eason:

Many thanks for your check and I am pleased that you think the trip was worth the investment. From our point of view, the trip was most worthwhile, for it got across the story that we think must be understood by the rest of the nation. Personally, of course, the whole trip was delightful, and your friendship and kindness was one of the most pleasant aspects of the entire time.

I was pleased to hear of your more recent meeting in San Diego and that some of the people there remembered my presentation.

It was a real pleasure to get to know you and Bill Carpenter. I enjoyed my stay more than I can say and some day I, too, hope that it will be possible for us to meet and work together.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

AIRMAIL June 20, 1956

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East Forty-second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

Thanks for sending me the copy of Mickey Levine's report on Negro veterans in the South. It is certainly not long on documentation. Moreover, Mickey has laid at the door of the VA and the House Veterans Affairs Committee many of the discriminations which are part of the general segregation pattern in the deep South.

None of this alters the point which I intended to make to Frank Loescher: that, so far as the "expose" approach to the problem is concerned, Mickey's generalized report has just about exhausted the potentialities. We feel that what is called for is a broader gauged appraisal of the Negro veteran's status in the South. This is a more difficult job than simply trying to ferret out a list of examples of discrimination and shortcomings by VA offices. It means assessing the various conditions - over many of which VA has no control - that curtail the enjoyment of veteran's benefits by Negroes in the South. It would also include evaluation of instances in which some of these problems have been overcome or in which local VA officials and veterans' organizations have done a better than average job of servicing Negro veterans. The object here would be not merely to recognize positive achievements, but to point the way to possible correctives at the administrative and community levels.

My view was and is that a study along these lines would be helpful. Since it would be a sizable undertaking, it might be well to limit the area to be covered. Whether or not AVC can secure the right people for the job I do not know. If it can and is interested in this more balanced approach, I see no reason why AVC would not be the appropriate sponsoring group. I think it should be a veteran's organization rather than, say, the Southern Regional Council. And I know of no other veterans' organization that has the point of view and the incentive to do the job.

I hope these general comments are of some help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

June 19, 1956

AIRMAIL

Mr. Emanuel Muravchik
Jewish Labor Committee
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Manny:

George Mitchell and I have read the first draft of your questionnaire and both feel that it is a good piece of work. We have only one or two minor questions to raise.

On page 5, voting does not fit very well into the framework of integration versus segregation and exclusion. More meaningful would be figures (actual or estimated) on Negro registration and voting, their percentage in the total, and perhaps the percent of potential eligible Negroes registered. This may seem somewhat detailed, but we know of no better index to the status of Negroes in communities.

Also on page 5, George Mitchell points out that few city or state officials will describe their position as one of resistance "at all costs". Even the extreme pro-segregationists in official positions would deny they would resort to force or violence. We suggest the phrase "resisted by every lawful means."

On page 12, last item seems to assume that attendance changes since the Supreme Court decision would be clearly related to reaction to the decision. In some cases, there might be other obvious explanations. Wouldn't it be well to ask if there are special reasons for any change other than the Court decision?

On page 17, the only thing that occurs to me is the desirability of including some questions about various technics of reaching the rank and file and local leaders on the civil rights question. In addition to the Union press, institutes, workshops, training sessions, and the like, at various levels, come to mind.

As Ben Segal has probably told you, we are very much interested in this field and, through Ben's cooperation, have taken on a labor guy named

Mr. Emanuel Muravchik June 19, 1956

Morton Elder for three months field work. We are anxious to coordinate with your effort in any way that seems wise. Is there any chance of your being in Atlanta any time soon?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 19, 1956

Mr. Joseph Barnes
Simon & Schuster Inc.
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Barnes:

When I talked with you in your office a few months ago you said you were looking for an appropriate person to do a book updating social and economic developments in the South during recent years.

If you are still looking, an excellent possibility would be George McMillan of Aiken, South Carolina. George is an able reporter and a first-rate writer. He is the author of "The Old Breed", a history of the First Marine Division in World War II, which won a lot of merited praise. He has worked as a newspaper man and a marine combat correspondent and in recent years has been free lancing for the large circulation magazines. He had an article in the June 8th issue of Collier's on the abortive race between Walter George and Herman Talmadge.

If the idea appeals to you I think McMillan would be interested. His address is Box 299, Aiken, South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

BC: Mr. George McMillan

June 19, 1956

Dr. Manet Fowler
Parham Place
Albany Post Road
Croton-on-Hudson, New York

Dear Dr. Fowler:

Thank you for your letter of June 15th saying that you will undertake the study of suffrage in Tennessee.

You have set yourself a rigorous time limit for the work on the ground, but your advance correspondence and planning should make it possible. Perhaps Bonita Valien would help by rounding up such existing literature as may be locally available (studies, theses, professional journal articles and the like) and sending them to you.

When you have gotten under way in Tennessee, I would appreciate some word from you on the outlook. Meanwhile I'm enclosing some voucher forms on which you and others whom you may engage can report your honoraria and expenses.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

June 19, 1956

Mr. Herbert Hill,
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Hill:

We enjoyed your visit too and appreciate the help you have given us on our desegregation survey. We have finally completed the first draft of our findings and are exploring publication possibilities. When it is printed or duplicated in some other form I will send you a copy.

We had read your article in the New Leader when it appeared. It was a good vigorous job of laying out the real issues.

Do come by to see us again the next time you are in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 19, 1956

Mrs. Bem Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

This is a long time to wait before writing you, but I wanted to be able to say that the draft of the report was completed. Now I can say it. I had also wanted to send you a copy of the draft, but for the moment we are short of them, ~~but~~ we sent off all but the working copy to the various people in New York and I will get one to you as soon as I can.

Having worked over the material at great length, I realize more than ever what an excellent job you did for us. We are grateful to both you and Bem for letting the laundry and the dust pile up for those weeks.

Tell Bem I appreciated his note and that we will be looking forward to seeing him in July. I will let you all know as soon as possible after publication plans are worked out for the desegregation report, and Bem will get a copy well in advance of release date. Right now, all that is uncertain, since Loth and the Fund are dickering with the New American Library over a possible paper-back printing. I doubt that they will materialize but hopefully we will publish in some form.

Out of the projects we have afoot, there should be a considerable amount of stuff to pull together by about September. I will be writing you to see what we can work out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF:mbo

P.S. I have just had word that Max Rebb will be glad to see me whenever I come to Washington. I haven't scheduled a trip yet, but will let you know when.

June 19, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

I was most impressed by the good publicity and editorial comment on your statement concerning the status of Negro teachers in Kentucky. That is a good job you are doing and the notice it is receiving should do a lot to boost the morale of your state people. I plan to send copies of the clippings to some of our key people and contributors. Keep me posted.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 19, 1956

Mr. Martin Solow
The Nation
333 Sixth Avenue
New York 14, New York

Dear Mr. Solow:

Dr. Mitchell has been out of the office and lest we wait too long to reply, I am answering your kind letter of June 7th.

The prospectus for your July 7 issue on desegregation is most impressive. We should be grateful for as many copies as you feel you can make available to us. About 500 would enable us to supply the top lay people of the Southern Regional Council and its twelve affiliated state organizations.

Our congratulations on this timely effort and our thanks for your generous offer.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 19, 1956

Mr. Solomon Sutker
2407 Camden Road
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Sol:

Your letter reporting your initial efforts is very cheering. It sounds to me as though you are going about the job exactly right and I'm sure you will get whatever can be had.

Florence Irving assures me that she will write her suggestions to you very shortly.

I am enclosing a check for the two vouchers which you submitted. Be guided by your own convenience.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

June 19, 1956

Mr. O. D. Duncan
Department of Sociology
Oklahoma A & M College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear O.D.:

Thanks for your last letter. Byerly has completed his stint for us and did a very creditable job. He is still sending us supplementary material from time to time. I am glad, that thanks to your help, we were able to cover Oklahoma reasonably well.

Your comments on the various vested interests are significant. I suppose, in some sense, you are witnessing a phase of desegregation that the more resistant South may be going through a few years from now. It certainly behooves us to watch these developments in Oklahoma.

You should have received by now the copies of New South which you asked for. Of course we will send no bill.

One further bit of information: Sol Sutker has taken on the North Carolina part of our survey of Negro suffrage in the South being carried out this summer. I think Sol will do an excellent job and I am delighted that we could get him. I hope that by doing so I haven't deprived you of a needed staff member for the summer. I gathered that he was pretty strongly inclined to remain in North Carolina until the fall.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbp

June 19, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Court Street, Moore Building
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

You should have received by now the literature which you asked for on consignment.

As to the Earl Brewer manuscript, I will write you if a need for it should arise and the card won't pop up again until September 15th.

We have been working toward a revised edition of Answers for Action and I hope it will be available before too long.

Paul Anthony, who is researching the resistance movements for us this summer, will be in your bailiwick within a week or two. He will be calling on you and any information or advice that you can give him will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 19, 1956

Mr. Solomon Sutker
2407 Camden Road
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sutker:

Mr. Fleming suggested that I write you about the SRC voting survey in North Carolina. My information on Negro voting in North Carolina is somewhat straggly, but here it is.

I have no recollection of special challenges of Negro voters in Raleigh in recent years. Politicians actively seek the Negro vote in Raleigh - Congressman Cooley certainly did this in the recent primary election. There are at least two Negro registrars in the city. I know that one of these Negro-manned precincts has approximately 1100 Negro voters and 200 white voters. Once registered in Wake County, one need not register again until the 1970's. The registration cards used there provide for racial designations, so it is quite easy to identify the registered person. I do not know that information from such cards would be made available to us, but politicians have been permitted to compile mailing lists from the cards at the rate of two cents per name. Registration books may not leave the presence of the registrar when this is done: I think the registrar is also permitted to compile this list.

No doubt Negroes register without intimidation in central and Piedmont cities, but the NAACP has reported several instances in which registrars refused to register Negroes before the recent N. C. primaries. I am sending you copies of some articles referring to this. A special voter registration drive has been made by the NAACP in N. C. this year. Possibly Mr. Charles McLean who has travelled throughout the state to promote this effort will share some of his information with you. He seldom answers letters, but may talk with you if you go to Winston-Salem. His address is: Mr. Charles A. McLean, Field Secretary, NAACP, 1605 Hattie Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Please note the names of the attorneys in the enclosed articles. If you happen to be in their vicinity, perhaps they too may share information. I don't know that my father has current enough data to warrant a special trip to Raleigh, but if you're there quiz him about eastern North Carolina. He came originally from Jones County and returns frequently. He says few, if any, Negroes vote in Jones, Dublin, and Onslow

Counties and tells you of tactics used to discourage them. He probably knows persons in those areas you can contact. He is Charles G. Irving, Sr., Phone 2-4925 or 2-4374. He won't answer letters either. Also SNCC's associate director for North Carolina is in the eastern part of the state and may lend assistance. He is W. C. Chance, Box 116, Parmele, N. C.

Sometimes Negro newspaper editors may have helpful information. In Durham Louis Alston is editor of the Carolina Times; in Raleigh Paul Jervay is editor of the Carolinian; and in Wilmington Thomas Jervay is editor of the Wilmington Journal. Alex Rivera, 1712 Fayetteville Street, Durham, is an alert reporter for the Pittsburgh Courier. Of this group I think he'd have more information than any of the others.

If you are still in need of persons to assist in fact finding, I believe any of the persons listed on the attached sheet would do creditable jobs if they were able to take on the assignment. If other information comes to mind, I'll write you. If there are any questions which you think I might be able to answer, please ask.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

Harry Groves: 275 Gillespie Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Phone 3-2684 or 3-1981
Mr. Groves, an attorney, graduated from the University of Chicago Law School around 1949. He's the city's only Negro councilman. Worked as research assistant for the American Council on Race Relations after law school. I expect he's the best of all persons mentioned if he's available.

John Bradshaw: Box 202 Guilford College, North Carolina.
Mr. Bradshaw was formerly public relations director for Guilford College. Left this job after a cerebral hemorrhage and is now a salesman for children's literature. He has always had a keen interest in race relations and would probably welcome the opportunity of working in the voting survey, health permitting. His wife has been president of the Greensboro League of Women Voters. The Bradshaws live on Miss Ada Field's farm on New Garden Road in Guilford College. I know Miss Fields is listed in the phone book if the Bradshaws aren't, and she can direct you to Mr. Bradshaw if you wish to drive out to Guilford to see him.

Carl DeVane: Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina
Mr. DeVane teaches political science, and I think, heads the Social Science Department. He graduated from Shaw (probably around 1935) and the University of Pennsylvania. He'd be quite interested in this survey.

Virgil Stroud: A. and T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina
I think Dr. Stroud is teaching summer school so he might not be available until August, but you could inquire directly. He's keenly interested in Negro voting. He wants to do some research for his own purposes so you'd have to inform him of Paragraph 3, Page 2 of Harold Fleming's May 3rd memorandum. He graduated from A. and T. in the 30's and from New York University a couple of years ago. Doctoral field was political science.

AIRMAIL

June 21, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
1820 Jefferson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Here is a draft of a memorandum generally describing the Elder project and a very rough outline of the information he will be seeking. Elder's information quite closely resembles Muravchik's outline but the approach will be quite different. Since Elder will be doing all of the fact-finding, we are not concerned with getting completed schedules that can be tabulated, so that Elder's outline is merely a general guide for his and our information.

Elder will bring with him to Washington copies of this material for Livingstone, Shishkin, and others whom he may see.

I doubt that you will have time to do more than glance at this stuff, but any criticisms or suggestions would be eagerly welcomed.

Elder will be communicating with you directly, from Birmingham, about his projected visit to Washington.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

June 21, 1956

Mr. Nat R. Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thanks for your suggestion about the question and answer pamphlet. We are presently working on a revised version of our earlier publication "Answers for Action", which has been by far the most popular item of its kind that we have printed. It may be that this is not as simple as the kind of pamphlet which you are suggesting. I would welcome your views.

Incidentally, we thought the little pamphlet called "Simple Steps" was very well done.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 21, 1956

Mrs. Bem Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

We have been able to shake loose an extra copy of the desegregation report which I send you herewith. As I got further and further in the material, I changed more and more of our original decisions about form. For example, putting in the names of the states as sub-headings made it unwieldy to divide the sections into subject matter areas. It seemed to me more orderly and simpler to do this, even though it meant scrambling up baseball teams and art festivals.

We are still getting some late returns, so there will be revisions in the next typing. Therefore, if you have time to give the manuscript a critical reading, any corrections, comments, or suggestions from you will be much appreciated.

The Fund and the New American Library couldn't get together on a paper-back publication. Until I hear further from Loth and the Fund, I won't know what the prospects are for subsidizing publication of the full findings. But even if no plan is forthcoming, we will publish some kind of summary and will make the full findings available, at least to Price and Popham.

Everybody here sends regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

June 21, 1956

Mr. George Kellman
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kellman:

We have been pondering the question which you raised in your letter of June 11th.

We have the same problem that you do with respect to hate literature. There is a tremendous volume of it in circulation, and we get it usually in single copies from members and friends who come across it in the normal course of their activities. It is very difficult to obtain additional copies without ordering them from the publishing groups, which we are reluctant to do.

We would be glad to copy some of these items for you, but the bulk of the material prohibits our offering to copy it all. Perhaps we might be able to help if you could find the time to inventory the items you have on hand thus eliminating duplication in our respective files. Naturally we would be glad to make the material available to any of your staff members who might turn up in Atlanta.

I may add that we have a full time staff member for the summer doing field research on the various resistance movements. When his findings are available - in about three months from now - AJC will most certainly receive a copy of the report.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe

June 21, 1956

Mr. Howard D. Roberts, Associate Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Howard:

I like both your ideas.

One of the hardest things for a white Southerner to do is to distinguish between paternalism and the acceptance of Negroes as equal human beings. If you can do an article clearly interpreting this difference, newspaper publication of it would do a lot of good. I strongly second your thought that any such article should not comment on the political situation in general or the Attorney General's remarks in particular.

Some of the most helpful statements along this line that I have seen have been made by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays in various speeches and articles. One of them - "Why an Atlanta School Suit?" - appears in "Changing Patterns". A more recent one is printed in the enclosed pamphlet which we are distributing with the current issue of New South. You might also find something helpful in Dr. Harry Richardson's article on the aspirations of Negroes in the January 1956 New South. All of us have unformulated ideas on the subject but these are the only written statements that occur to me at the moment. I am sure that whatever Harry Walker does will be a useful contribution.

Feel free to modify the true-false quiz in any way you wish and to make any use of it that you care to. We think it would be fine if it had newspaper publication.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 21, 1956

Miss Emily Kimball
870 Beacon Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Kimball:

My apologies for this delay in answering your recent inquiry, but I wanted to circulate your letter to other members of our staff who might know of job possibilities. Unfortunately, no one has come up with any ideas which would help you. Although we look with favor on both your interests and your background in this field, we have our full complement of staff at present, and as you probably know, the number of staff positions in this field in the South can almost be added up on one persons fingers.

The only thing I can suggest at the moment would be the possibility of a research position at one of the institutions, such as Fisk, to ~~carry~~ work on inter-group projects. You have probably explored this possibility, but I pass on the idea for what it is worth.

I'm sorry that I cannot be of more help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 21, 1956

Dr. C. A. Bacote, Chairman
Committee on Summer School Programs
Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Bacote:

Thank you for your letter of June 20 reminding me that I had agreed to speak at Clark College at 9:30 A.M., Tuesday, June 26 on "Education and Socio-economic Changes."

I am pleased that my good friend, Mozell Hill, will preside at the assembly. I will be there some ten or fifteen minutes before the appointed time and look forward to this opportunity to talk with your summer assembly.

I will be glad to follow your suggested format of a twenty-minute speech and fifteen minutes for questions and answers.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Dictated by Mr. Routh. Signed by his secretary in his absence.

Copy - Irene Osborne
John Alexander

June 21, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

The American Friends Service Committee has decided to go ahead with its North Carolina program and Dr. Will's son, John Alexander, has been appointed Director. He is located at the Greensboro office - 617 West Market Street. He will probably be getting in touch with you before long, or perhaps already has.

We in SRC like the AFSC and of course have great respect for any of Dr. Will's kin. I am sure it will be possible to work out some cooperative effort with John. I still like that idea of the three mountain counties and also the Charlotte plan, but you know best what can be done by the North Carolina Council.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

June 22, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot,
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on July 20-21, 1956, at the Penn Community Center, St. Helena Island, Frogmore, South Carolina.

The first session begins on Friday afternoon (July 20) at 2:00 P.M. There will also be an evening session on Friday which will begin at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will conclude with a session on Saturday morning (July 21), beginning at 9:30 A.M. and ending about 12:30 P.M.

Meeting and lodging quarters will be provided for at the Center.

We earnestly hope that you will be able to attend this meeting. As usual, the Council will assume expenses of members.

If you plan to use air or rail transportation, we would suggest that you have your trip terminate at Charleston, South Carolina, where we could make arrangements to have you met by someone. We would appreciate your making travel arrangements as early as possible and letting us know so that we might make the necessary arrangements.

Please indicate on the enclosed card whether or not you plan to attend this meeting; the expected time of arrival; the mode of transportation; and lodging requirements.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Encl.

June 22, 1956

MEMORANDUM

To: GSM

From: HCF

Re: Quarterly report on information

It is hard to separate my "normal" from my "paranormal" functions, but here is an attempt:

INFORMATION

Publications

New South during the quarter now ending ran several noteworthy articles especially prepared for us. The April issue brought together facts and opinion on racial problems as a threat to the South's economic development; the lead article was reprinted by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and various other papers. The May issue published for the first time a uniquely strong speech by a chamber of commerce executive warning business leaders that they must give positive leadership in racial affairs. An article in the same issue by an Arkansas educator debunked the myth that downgrading of educational standards inevitably follows desegregation; this drew editorial comment in several Southern newspapers and will be of special value to teacher and parent groups. The June issue carries an analysis of "interposition" by Professor Arthur S. Miller, of the Emory University Law School, which is probably the clearest thing yet on the subject.

Also published: "Three Views of Desegregation," including statements by William Faulkner and Benjamin Mays, in cooperation with the Southern Historical Association and the Fund for the Republic. "What the Supreme Court Said," giving the texts and analysis of the decisions, is proving a popular program item with our state affiliates and other organizations.

Newspapers and Magazines

The usual number of reporters and magazine writers sought us out for information and advice. Among those requesting and getting special help were writers for various bureaus of the Associated Press, United Press, International News Service, Time, Life, Collier's, Newsweek, The Reporter, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and Atlanta papers; also NBC Television News and the Canadian Broadcasting Company.

Materials Distributed

Through the state groups and otherwise, SRC distributed reprints of the New York Times special supplement on the South, the desegregation issue of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, a Reporter article on the Montgomery bus boycott by the Rev. Thomas Thrasher, the American Civil Liberties Union's annual report, the Bulletin of the Fund for the Republic, the Fund's several fact-sheets, and additional copies of "Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools."

Speeches and Consultation

The Assistant Director for Information spoke to an aggregation of teen-agers at a YWCA camp and to a parents group of the Grace Methodist Church. Consulted on program with representatives of the Christian Congregationist Churches, Presbyterian Church Women, the American Teachers Association, the Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations, the American Recreation Association, the Catholic Interracial Council, the Fund for the Republic, and others unrecorded.

Research and Reference

[I take it Florence Irving is submitting a memo.]

SPECIAL FACT-FINDING PROGRAM

Desegregation Survey

An inventory of specific instances of desegregation occurring since

May 1954 was completed during the quarter. With the addition of one temporary staff member, Mrs. Margaret Price, and the use of three short-term reporters in Missouri and Oklahoma, it was possible to cover reasonably well the 17 Southern and border states. Some 1100 usable instances were collected. The report of the findings, running to approximately 100 pages, has been completed and sent to the Fund for the Republic and David Loth, who directed a similar study of the 31 non-Southern states. At this writing, some form of joint publication of the SRC and Loth reports is being explored. In any case, we plan to publish a summary of the SRC findings -- probably in New South -- and release it to the press. The findings bear out the original assumption that an inventory of desegregation would produce an impressive body of material and could help to counteract the discouraging effect of recent negative developments.

Study of Negro Suffrage in the South

The aim of this project is to assemble for the 12 Southern states information on the present extent of Negro registration and voting, obstacles to full Negro suffrage, and the relation of disenfranchisement to county data on population, income, industrialization, and urbanization. The study is well under way in nine of the twelve states; in the remaining three, there are problems of personnel which we hope to solve shortly. In each of the activated states, a qualified director for the study has been secured on a part-time consultant basis, and additional personnel are used as needed. An outline of the findings sought is attached. This is truly a "crash" project, the deadline for fact-finding being the end of September; it is also the largest in scope, and probably the most important in terms of public policy.

Study of Southern Industrialization

In the controversy over desegregation, the industrialization of the South has come to the fore. SRC has commissioned Hammer and Company, economic consultants,

to gather information on all industries locating in the South in the last five to ten years, with respect to type, size, and ownership. This is a large operation, involving inquiries by mail or in person to dozens of chambers of commerce, industrial development agencies, and plant location firms. The data collected will be tabulated and analyzed in terms of their meaning for race relations. In this way, we hope to clarify the implications which new industry holds for racial problems and progress in the region. The deadline for the fact-finding is no later than September 1.

Field Study of Resistance Movements

We have employed a temporary staff member to gather first-hand information on the nature and leadership of the various pro-segregation organizations operating in the South. He is Paul Anthony, of Atlanta, a graduate of the University of Miami's Human Relations Department, who has had experience in both social science action-research and in business. Mr. Anthony has spent two weeks digesting the large body of material already available and is presently carrying on field research in Alabama. His findings will be available to SRC staff as he completes his field travel in each state. At the end of the project, he will prepare an over-all summary and analysis, which will be the basis for such publications and reports as seem indicated.

Field Study of Labor and Race Relations

Under a special financial arrangement with the trade union consultant to the Fund for the Republic, Mr. Benjamin Segal, a qualified Southern trade unionist has been engaged for a three-month period of field work. He is Morton Elder, of Birmingham, who has had many years of experience in workers education and other labor activity in the CIO. Mr. Elder is to gather information on the progress of Negroes in the labor movement, new problems arising out of the school segregation controversy, practices which affect equal opportunities

in employment, upgrading, and promotion, and effective methods for improving race relations within the union movement. This project is being carried out with the knowledge and approval of appropriate labor leadership.

Same letter sent to: J. M. Dabbs
Albert W. Dent
John A. Griffin
Gordon B. Hancock
Harry V. Richardson
Father Shean
Carter Wesley
Josephine Wilkins
Paul D. Williams
M.R. Brazeal
Rev. Duncan Hunter
Joseph F. Haas

June 22, 1956

Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Richardson:

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on July 20-21, 1956, at the Penn Community Center, St. Helena Island, Frogmore, South Carolina. We are enclosing a brochure which gives you information about the Center.

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If you plan to use air or rail transportation, we would suggest that you have your trip terminate at Charleston, South Carolina, where we could make arrangements to have you met by someone. We would appreciate your making travel arrangements as early as possible and letting us know so that we might make the necessary arrangements.

Please indicate on the enclosed postal card whether or not you plan to attend this meeting; the expected time of arrival; the mode of transportation; and lodging requirements.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Encls.

June 22, 1956

Dr. Tilman C. Cothran
Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Cothran:

Enclosed is a check for the expenses itemized on the vouchers accompanying your letter of June 20th.

Your account of progress so far is encouraging. I am afraid, however, that I have inadvertently made the job seem more extensive and more difficult than I intended. I had not meant to suggest that county by county data need be gathered for earlier years. We simply want to compare the state totals for the key years mentioned in my memorandum. Only the current figures need be secured for every county.

Of course, having earlier county by county data would provide some interesting insights, but I would not like to feel that we are making the study more difficult than it need be in order to conform with the findings that we will be getting from the other states.

One other point occurs to me. Can it be assumed poll tax figures are equivalent to registration? A similar problem exists in several other states, notably Texas and Virginia. In Texas the problem is being met by carrying out sample studies in order to derive valid percentages by which the poll tax figures can be converted into estimates of registrants or voters. It may be, however, that the situation in Arkansas is not comparable.

Please let me hear from you about these or other questions that may arise. Meanwhile best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

June 22, 1956

Mr. Harold Sugg
1300 Cloncurry Road
Norfolk 5, Virginia

Dear Mr. Sugg:

Dr. Mitchell has been much out of the office lately, so I am replying to your inquiry of June 10th.

Right off I should say that we know of no adequate findings on the extent of intermarriage or miscegenation. Although the opinion is almost universal that the rate of intermarriage is very low, this opinion is based mostly on general observation rather than on sociological studies and statistics.

There have been a few local investigations, although none of them is very recent. The best summary of what is known on the subject is the chapter on intermarriage at page 487 of "Racial and Cultural Minorities" by Simpson and Yinger (Harper & Bros., 1953). This chapter draws from a number of other works which have touched on the subject and so has some bibliographical value. It also cites the findings of studies of intermarriage in New York, Boston, and Los Angeles, all of them dating back fifteen years or so.

Unfortunately, this is all we know about. If you find something reporting more recent or more extensive findings, we would be delighted to learn of them.

We are enclosing copies of current pro-segregation material that might be of particular interest.

Let us know if we may be able to help in any other way.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

June 22, 1956

Mrs. Bem Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

I wonder if you could take on a small mission for us. In the Saturday Evening Post of June 9, 1956, it is reported that the Governmental Affairs Institute has done research on the voting behavior of every county in the United States and that the data are on file cards available to any one interested.

As you know, we are carrying on a southwide survey of Negro suffrage. It may be that this outfit's data would help us.

Their address is - Governmental Affairs Institute, 1726 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. If you could get by there one day soon and see what kind of dope they actually have, it would be a great help. Specifically, I am wondering if they have any kind of race breakdown. If not, what kind of voting behavior have they researched? Also how recent are the findings?

If there turns out to be anything in this, I may be calling on you for some free-lance research.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 22, 1956

To: FBR

From: HCF

In regard to the attached letter, I suggest you write Marks that information about the "Southern Patriot" can be best obtained from SCEF. Nobody is an "authorized spokesman in the field of human relations."

As to distinguishing between us and SCEF, the following occurs to me:

1. SCEF was an outgrowth of and is a successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. We are an outgrowth of and successor to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. The two movements have different traditions, which you are familiar with.

2. SRC is tax exempt; SCEF lost its tax exemption a few years ago.

3. SRC is trying to build state membership organizations. SCEF, to the best of my knowledge, is a self-perpetuating board and has no affiliates or general memberships.

4. There are differences in tone and approach which can hardly be fittingly evaluated by us. Perhaps the best way to do it is to compare the publications of the two organizations.

5. We are entirely separate movements, going our separate ways without either coordination or friction.

HCF:mbo

June 22, 1956

MEMORANDUM

To: GSM

From: HCF

Subject: Material supplied on request to Mr. Hudson of the Internal Revenue Service.

This material consisted of the following reports prepared by C. H. Parrish in connection with his 1954 travels in Alabama on behalf of the SRC:

1. Dated February 14, 1954, a memorandum to GSM giving a brief chronological account of persons interviewed. A wide range of persons, white and Negro, with both pro-and anti-segregation opinions represented.

2. Dated February 21, 1954. A further chronological account of persons interviewed and one group addressed. Again, a wide range of people of both races with varying racial views. This memo, like the preceding one, simply gives the names of the persons seen and summarises their racial attitudes in a sentence or two.

3. Dated March 16, 1954, a memo to GSM titled "Highlights of Impressions". This is the only one of the several memoranda that maturely sets forth the purpose and nature of Parrish's travels; the others are rough, on-the-spot informal reports. Parrish here clearly defines his purpose as "an attempt to establish in each community I visited a basis for free communication between Negro and white leaders. I felt that even two people - one Negro and the other white - could come to express themselves freely to each other and would be willing to approach the problems rationally, the community would have a resource which might permit it to avert the confusion and disorder which would normally follow a Supreme Court decision."

The absence of a propaganda approach is evident in several of Parrish's statements. For example he points out to an editor "that the newspapers had a tremendous responsibility in allaying the fears of the people in promoting a sane approach to the segregation issue." He says of the school people, "I have come to see that primarily all that is necessary is to call their attention to the significance of the information about the schools which they already have in their possession." In reporting his address to a group in Sylacauga he says - "I was careful, however, to make it clear that no one from the outside could tell the people of the community what the pattern of the adjustment should be. No two communities are alike, and the problems involved are infinitely varied. It was merely my hope that they would accept the responsibilities of working out with their local Negro friends the scheme of reorganization which would be most appropriate and satisfactory in the light of the realities of the local situation."

The only statement in this four page memorandum that could conceivably be misinterpreted is Parrish's comment on a conversation with you in Montgomery. He says, "I have found specially useful the rough map which you drew and the suggestions which you made about the political situation in various parts of the state. I am inclined to agree with your prediction of the order in which the various parts of the state will accept a desegregation decree." This refers, as we know, to your analysis of the various sub-regions into which the Southern states are divided and the way in which they manifest themselves in economic and public policy. This was a broad analysis to enable Parrish to better understand race relations in Alabama but a suspicious reader might twist it into something bearing on partisan politics within the state.

4. Dated April 21, 1954, a letter to GSM written from Louisville forwarding "the check closing our February-March field services account." Otherwise the letter merely refers briefly to the need for white and Negro teachers in Kentucky getting together to discuss the desegregation problem.

5. Dated August 19th and 20th, a four page transcript of an interview with Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Regional Secretary of the NAACP, and W. D. Patton, President of the Birmingham branch of the NAACP. This gives in some detail the views of the two interviewees on racial attitudes and practices in Alabama and the South.

6. Dated August 20th, a three and a half page transcript of an interview between Parrish and Emory Jackson, editor of the Birmingham World. This gives Jackson's analysis of various aspects of race relations, mainly in Alabama. A good deal of reference by Jackson to the need for voter registration and political activity. But the recorded questions show that Parrish was not concerned with this aspect beyond its value as general analysis and background.

7. Dated September 5, 1954, a one page summary by Parrish of implications for SRC in Alabama. He lists several persons who might be more useful to the Alabama Council. He suggests "some contact" with leaders of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Corp. to interpret SRC's purposes to them. He speaks favorably of Robert Hughes as a promising state director for SRC.

In summary, the materials requested by Mr. Hudson seems to me to be perfectly legitimate reporting by a temporary field worker. They conform to the two main purposes of Parrish's mission - namely, to assess the state of public opinion in Alabama through interviews with representative white and Negro persons; and to encourage current communication and joint discussion of segregation problems by local people of the two races. There is no indication whatever of any motives of a political nature. Nor is there any indication of action by Parrish that could be described as "making propaganda." In almost every instance his object was to listen rather than to talk. When he did talk, it was to urge biracial conference and planning in the light of local conditions.

As to what bearing these memoranda may have on SRC's handling of financial arrangements with Parrish, I am unable to give an opinion. It seems to me, however, that the bearing would be very slight.

HCF:mbo
CC: file on tax exemption

June 22, 1956

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to introduce Mr. Paul Anthony of Atlanta, Georgia, who has been engaged by the Southern Regional Council for a field study of Southern opinion.

Mr. Anthony will be studying the varying racial attitudes held by Southerners in different walks of life and in the different geographical areas, with particular reference to the voluntary associations and organizations through which these attitudes find expression. He has considerable training and experience in the social sciences and can be relied on to treat all information with professional discretion and objectivity.

The purpose of this project is to arrive at a broad analysis which will be helpful to the many agencies, public and private, which are concerned with race relations in the South and within their own organizations. All information given Mr. Anthony will be treated in complete confidence as to the source. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated by him and by the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 25, 1956

Mr. Frank J. Starzel
The Associated Press
50 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Starzel:

Yes, it would be kind of you to send back Race in the News when you are through with it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 25, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I should think we would have a much better chance of catching your friends in Houston in September than in July or August.

But, for the record, I am for the moment still available to you at any time between August 1st and August 11th, and shall, of course be happy to come for any gathering that may be arrangeable and which you would think desirable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

clip from Mrs. Rayzor - given to
FBI

June 25, 1956

Father Raymond Bernard, S. J.
Social Order
3908 Westminster Place
Saint Louis, Missouri

Dear Father Bernard:

I remember that you keep some record of non-Catholic churches now open to Negro members.

I was sent June 20th from Houston, Texas, an undated clipping from what I take to be a Houston paper giving photographic evidence and a news story that the Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2017 Wheeler Avenue, had admitted to affiliation with the church Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams and their two children, Dianne 15, and Clarence 13. "The Williamses are Negroes."

The story goes on to give some pleasing background for the open membership arrangement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 25, 1956

HCF:

An arrangement approvable with South Carolina would be an offer to South Carolina under which for so many weeks or months as we absorb virtually the full-time services of Mr. McCain on the fact-finding program, South Carolina will be entitled week for week and month for month to payment by SRC of Mc. McCain's salary in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1956.

The South Carolina Council would be relieved, of course, of the travel expense incident to Mr. McCain's travel on the fact-finding program.

The fact-finding program or the SRC, as may be determined, will pay Mr. McCain for the weeks or months of his service to the fact-finding program at approximately Mr. McCain's present salary rate.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

MR CHARLES S. JOHNSON
FISK UNIVERSITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

WILL APPEAR EVENING JULY 9TH. SUBJECT "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE"

GEORGE S. MITCHELL

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

June 25, 1956

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I wired you today as follows: "Will appear evening July 9th. Subject 'Pride and Prejudice'."

Please get somebody at the Institute to write me as to the schedule for the 9th and 10th and I will try to be on hand for appropriate parts. Main thing is I want to pin down my travel to fit the Institute's reasonable needs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 25, 1956

Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
Penn School
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Miss Elizabeth:

Here comes the meeting of the Executive Committee of SRC, July 20-21, at thy fancy Conference Center.

Proposition: Would thee, for cash dollars (or a check) take and type up the Minutes of the meeting?

You know the whole line of business, and it seems a pity to tote somebody from hereabouts way over yonder, when thee is at the spot and knoweth what to do.

I do not mean that you would have to turn out a finished manuscript of Minutes. What you would do would be to type up great blobs of what you took down and then it becomes my duty, using your typing, to hook together a set of Minutes.

For discussion purposes I propose a fee of $35.00. Shove it up if need be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: RHA

June 25, 1956

Mr. J. Edward Lantz
Executive Director
National Council of Churches
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lantz:

My expenses for the trip to Junaluska, June 6-8, were as follows:

Bus fare, Atlanta -Junaluska = $4.84
Return by private car = 8.80
(176 miles @ 5¢ per)
Accommodation at Lambuth Inn = 14.41

I am willing to let the Southern Regional Council bear the expense of travel to Junaluska and back home to Atlanta.

But I would expect the National Council of Churches or the Conference to cover my entertainment at Lambuth Inn in the sum of $14.41.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. Receipted bill
Lambuth Inn = $14.41

cc: RHA

June 25, 1956

Mrs. Preston Valien
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Valien:

Dr. Johnson sent me a ticket that said on account of appearing in the Institute July 9th, I should send you stuff about who I am and what I look like.

Ready way to designate who I am is for you to hunt it up in Who's Who.

Mat herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 25, 1956

Mr. Dean S. Collins
Western Regional Director
National Council of the Churches
of Christ in the USA
3330 West Adams Boulevard
Los Angeles 18, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

You addressed the Southern Regional Conference June 19th.

The letter ended up with the Atlanta Area Office of the National Council of Churches. They gave it to us supposing that maybe it was ours.

Truth is, we are called the Southern Regional Council. We think we are useful people. Our Assistant Director, Fred Routh, was recently in Los Angeles making a speech.

I used to be with the Farm Security and I know all about Migrants and what you do.

Here are a couple of recently issued New Souths, our maggie. A little attention to them will show you what we do. Mostly we help twelve struggling state organizations in human relations to get up to their knees.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. New South, May & June, '56
Grey Leaflet

June 25, 1956

Mrs. James M. Todd
2005 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Todd:

I have told Charles Johnson that I would be at Fisk for an evening speechlet on July 9th. I expect to arrive at least for the afternoon of the 9th and may contrive to be around some of the 10th.

What would you think of some effort for you and me to be together in the later afternoon of July 9th?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc:GSM/eab

June 25, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of this morning, following which I have written Mr. McCain as attached.

To sum up the points on which we agreed:

1. It is agreeable to the South Carolina Council for Mr. James McCain to take such temporary leave from his job as Associate Director as may be required by his participation in the fact-finding survey of Negro suffrage being conducted by the Southern Regional Council.

2. During the time that Mr. McCain is working on the suffrage project, his salary and expenses incurred by the project will be paid by the SRC out of a special project fund. The amount of money available for this and other purposes connected with the project is given in the enclosed letter to Mr. McCain.

3. The amount of Mr. McCain's regular salary for the period during which he is on leave to the SRC project will be carried over to the South Carolina's credit in the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1956, for the Associate Director's salary.

I hope this adequately summarizes our understanding. If not, please let me hear from you. Needless to say, we greatly appreciate the cooperation of the South Carolina Council in making Mr. McCain's services available to us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

Copy - RHA

June 25, 1956

Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson, Director
Region 1-D, UAW-CIO
215 Sheldon Avenue, S. E.
Grand Rapids 3, Michigan

Dear Ken:

The only disappointment I had on my trip to the FDR-CIO camp was the discovery that you were in the hospital. This I regretted very much, and wish for your most speedy recovery,

I had a wonderful time at the camp meeting and enjoyed being with the Brothers so much. The group was lively and interested, and was aware of many of the problems which face organized labor in the South at this time. I believe the session in which I participated was most worthwhile, and frankly feel that the question and answer period, with a good assist from a panel, was the highlight of the afternoon session. The group seemed to enjoy and find informative what I had to say. Their response was enthusiastic. I was glad to see Pete again, and to meet your good wife, and your good friend, Ivan.

I suggested while I was there that I would submit this expense account after my return, because you were not there. I remembered that you had said in your letter that I could have billed in advance or submitted my expense account when I arrived at the Conference, but I felt with your absence this procedure would probably be better for Region 1-D.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery. Take care of yourself. The union or society can ill-afford to lose a guy who has done so much and who is so able. Best personal wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Encl.

June 26, 1956

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

The day after you left Lexington I found on the desk this photo. Pleasant face, but I don't know anybody just like it among my kin. Thought maybe it was your son-in-law at a much earlier stage?

It was a mighty satisfying thing to share the couple of days with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

Also - copy to MAW

June 26, 1956
THIS LETTER MAILED TO:

ALABAMA

Robert E. Hughes - Exec. Dir.
Fred D. Gray - Assoc. Exec. Dir.
Duncan Hunter - Chairman
W. A. Bell - ~~Mikwx~~ vice-chairman
Mrs. John R. Pate - Office Sec'y

ARKANSAS

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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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LINVILLE FALLS, NORTH CAROLINA

June 26, 1956

TO: STATE ORGANIZATIONS' PERSONNEL

FROM: MARION A. WRIGHT

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council at its meeting April 20-21, 1956, had for consideration the question of whether, in the event that a state staff person was put in a situation in which it was needful for him to employ Counsel, the Southern Regional Council would feel itself obligated to assist in payment of legal expenses.

The Executive Committee considered a desirable course of action and has caused its proposal to be reviewed by SRC's Counsel.

The decision is that the Executive Committee, without conceding any liability or legal obligation on the part of SRC, states that if a state staff member, because of his connection with a state organization or activities in its behalf, should become legally involved to the point that he felt he ought to have Counsel, he should submit his problem to the Executive Committee of the state organization in advance of employment of Counsel. The Executive Committee of the state organization would then take such action as it felt proper under the circumstances.

The Executive Committee of the state organizations would be free after consideration to refer the matter to the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, with the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the state organization.

The suggested procedure should be followed in all cases except where an emergency may make it impossible to secure action by the appropriate Executive Committee or Committees in advance of employment of Counsel.

Less formally it may be stated that the Executive Committee of SRC feels that if a state staff member in the discharge of his duties and acting with proper discretion should require legal assistance, every effort should be made to extend appropriate help to him under the circumstances. However, it is seen that a staff member might sometimes act with such indiscretion that little or no responsibility would be felt by the appropriate Executive

Committee. And also question might arise as to whether an action was done in the course of the staff person's employment, or was the staff person's own personal enterprise.

What this obviously comes down to, then, is a suggestion to state organizations' staff members that, if they need Counsel for their defense, they endeavor to get the matter promptly before the Executive Committee of the state organization, and then if need be to have it referred to the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council.

In emergency a shorter procedure would doubtless be favored. But the requirement for full information would certainly remain.

MAW/GSM:eab

June 26, 1956

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. James E. Wolfe, Director
Department of Research and Education
Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Jimmie:

Had a good time, and am grateful.

Charged you too much by $1.10 (for limousine not ridden) and here it is back!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC check for $1.10

June 26, 1956

Mr. James E. Pierce
Alabama State College
Montgomery 1, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pierce:

I was happy to get your letter and to find that you are prepared to take on the direction of the Alabama study of Negro suffrage. The draft of the material you have gathered for 1952 and 1954 certainly provides a substantial beginning on the material we are seeking, and I have seen Donald Strong's report on which you cooperated. It would appear that what is mainly needed, in addition to updating of the figures, is additional documentation and analysis of recent disfranchising efforts, including the work of the White Citizens Councils. Some illustrative case studies would be helpful in illustrating some obstacles encountered by Negroes who seek to register and vote. Also, if there are areas in the state where access to the ballot is relatively free some assessment of the extent of apathy and lack of leadership would be helpful. Perhaps it would be possible to distinguish some of the circumstances, aside from accidents of personality, which make for effective and ineffective leadership.

I am enclosing copies of voucher forms on which fees and expenses may be reported.

I shall look forward to corresponding further with you as the study progresses. Meanwhile best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

P.S. I wrote Strong for advice on the project. In reply, he spoke of the difficulty of getting valid figures, said he would not have time to take part in the project, and spoke well of you as the best informed person on the subject.

June 26, 1956

Mr. Charles F. MacLennan
Executive Secretary
Ohio-Michigan Region
American Friends Service Committee
1309 East Broad
Columbus 5, Ohio

Dear Mr. MacLennan:

You wrote me June 14th about the Institute coming up.

I will leave Atlanta June 29th for Ohio via Delta's flight 744, which gets to Cincinnati at 12:03 p.m. I will then light out for Yellow Springs, fully intending to get there before 6:00 pm. I am told that a good lead would be to try to catch a train for Springfield some nine miles off.

Anyhow, you needn't bother about me, I will show at Yellow Springs by or about 6:00 p.m. June 29th.

On the leaving July 1st, I have booked myself Southbound from Dayton by TWA's Flight 607, leaving Dayton at 12:35 p.m. and then by Cincinnati to home.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 26, 1956

Mr. William A. Coolidge
National Research Corporation
70 Memorial Drive
Cambridge 42, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Coolidge:

I am so glad the young men from Balliol are coming again this year.

Any who may be interested in matters Southern are most welcome at my home, and for a look at matters Southern through and with the Southern Regional Council.

I live at 906 Lullwater Road in Atlanta where the telephone number is DEarborn 5961. Office telephones here are Walnut 1821 and Walnut 7963.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 26, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Many thanks for your letter of June 18th. I have sent out, on presidential stationary over your name, the memo to state staff personnel. I have sent copies of it to chairmen and first vice-chairmen of each state organization.

And the central office memo has been circulated for initialing by all central office staff.

I do hope the news from Mrs. Wright gets better.

We have all noted the joy of your telephone.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy - GSA

June 26, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Service, Inc.
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

We are in the process of making arrangements for the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held at your Center on July 20-21. The meeting is scheduled to begin on Friday afternoon (July 20) at 2:00 P. M. An evening session, beginning at 7:30 P. M., will also be held on Friday. The meeting will conclude with a Saturday morning session (9:00 A. M. - 12:30 P. M.)

As soon as we have heard from the persons who are expected to attend the meeting, we will send you detailed information as to the time of arrival, meals, accommodations, etc.

We look forward to having an enjoyable meeting at the Center.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

June 26, 1956

Dr. Martin Deutsch, Director
Research Institute in Family Relations
Jewish Family Service
113 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

Thank you for your letter of June 21st confirming your invitation to me to take part in the special symposium in September. I am sure that $100 will be ample to cover travel and other expenses incurred.

Your comments on the interests of the group are very helpful. When you write me about the date fixed for the symposium, I should appreciate it if you would give me some idea of the amount of time which I will be expected to consume.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 26, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

Thanks for keeping me posted on the developments and non-developments of the proposed congressional hearing. When and if it comes off we will certainly want to file a statement about our use of the Fund's grants.

We were pleased to see the New York Times story on the three year report. Our prominent mention was a dramatic reminder of how much we owe to the Fund.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 26, 1956

Mr. Benjamin K. Oko
203 B James Hall
Amherst College
Amherst, Mass.

Dear Mr. Oko:

Thanks for your letter concerning your summer plans. We are looking forward to seeing you here in the office on July 27th. Once you get located with T.W.U., it might be well for you to send me an address at which you can be reached between now and July 20th.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 26, 1956

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

For interracial student conferences in the Atlanta area Dean Jones would no doubt be the one. Her address is the Atlanta YWCA, 72 Edgewood Avenue N.E. If you are interested in conferences elsewhere in the South, I suggest you write to the National Student YWCA, Southern Regional Office, 63 Auburn Avenue N.E. You may specifically ask both of them if they know of conferences at which both male and female youth will be present.

Gamarekian has been by the office twice, the last time to show me his incompleted manuscript on segregation in South Carolina. He has pulled all the facts together exhaustively, but he needs advice on how to package some of his stuff for market. Maybe you can help him.

I will let you know when, as and if I hear from Barnes, and I trust that you will do the same by me.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF:mbo

June 26, 1956

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

Thanks for your letter of June 21st concerning the postponement of your meeting. George Mitchell is out of action for the 9th, but as far as I can tell at the moment, I will be available. I will look forward to hearing when you have been able to determine the prospects for the meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 26, 1956

Mr. Andrew W. Bingham, Executive Editor
The Harvard Crimson
14 Plympton Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Bingham:

If you are no longer in those parts I hope this letter will be forwarded. My delay in acknowledging your letter on the special supplement doesn't mean that I'm not interested. On the contrary I think you and the other staff members of the Crimson did an excellent job of covering the Southern situation, and I was pleased to see the generous mention of the Southern Regional Council as a helpful agency.

I am glad that you had written Adam Yarmolinsky at the Fund for the Republic. That is the logical foundation to approach for assistance in getting the supplement more widely circulated. If they buy any considerable quantity, I would suppose that we might get a modest supply from them. Otherwise, I'm afraid that our overworked literature budget won't enable us to place a quantity order. I have pondered about other agencies that might be interested in distribution. The National Student Association and the Student YMCA and YWCA are the only ones I have thought of. Both of the latter two organizations are stepping up their work among college students in the South, and the supplement might be useful program material. No doubt the academic freedom section will interest other types of agencies.

In any case you have our best wishes and I would appreciate it if you will let me know if anything develops ~~to~~ from your approach to the Fund for the Republic.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 26, 1956

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

This is to acknowledge, with many thanks, the various newspaper articles reprinting material from New South. Your sending them to us is of much help, since otherwise we would not see some of them.

Some days ago, George Mitchell received a letter from you inquiring about our need for the Fact Sheets. I take it this was a standard letter sent to all grantees and that my verbal request to you for a thousand copies of each issue still stands. We have been getting them right along and are distributing them to our key people.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 26, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

I feel some ghost of an obligation to keep you and Loescher informed of the use made of such sums allocated to SRC in fiscal 54-55 for state organizations as were in that year not used for state organizations.

Here is an account, in round numbers, of where the balance went: total sum unused (states in fiscal 54-55 = $24,474).

The only reason for my getting these figures together is that I remember very clearly sitting in Loescher's house and saying that we would not take money allocated to states and put it into the central office budget. And I feel an obligation still, at least to report whatever (clearly legitimate) transfers have been made.

There will be some similar transfers during and at the end of the current fiscal year. But as to this fiscal year, your letter of grant made no mention of separate allocations by states and by central office, and therefore we feel free to do what seems reasonable and right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

UNALLOCATED STATE FUNDS
1954-55

1.	Expenses of professional staff members of affiliated state councils and central office to attend Race Relations Institute at Fisk University (July, 1955)	$ 2,236.00
2.	Legal fee and expenses in connection with tax-exempt status of affiliated state councils (August, 1955)	572.00
3.	Conference of consultants for specific program aids and plans for working with state organizations at Atlanta University under direction of John Hope (January, 1956)	27.00
4.	Evaluation report to Executive Committee by Mrs. G. T. Hamilton (August, 1955)	350.00
5.	Meeting of Executive Committee and staff members at Mammoth Cave (August, 1955)	605.00
6.	Travel and services of Irene Osborne for special work with state organizations (October, 1955 - May, 1956)	9,084.00
7.	John Hope Consultant Program for state organizations (December, 1955 - Present)	10,800.00
	TOTAL	$24,474.00

June 26, 1956

Mr. Amos T. Hall
108 Greenwood Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Hall:

Had a nice letter from Mr. Christopher C. Mercer, Jr., from Little Rock. He said you were interested in the possibility of getting an Oklahoma Council on Human Relations going.

I can put in a little history that will help make the picture clear. Our Southern Regional Council has always thought of Oklahoma as one of the Southern states. You will see that we include it in our map of the Southern region. Dr. Howard W. Odum's book from the University of North Carolina years ago so included Oklahoma.

When the Southern Regional Council was formed in 1944 (on the base of the old Commission on Interracial Cooperation) we expected to build some membership in Oklahoma. As the years rolled by, we turned up with a total of nine members. Dr. O. D. Duncan of Stillwater was on our board for nearly all the period from 1944-45. Pretty often he came to the board meetings.

When in 1954 we asked for and succeeded in getting a goodly sum from the Fund for the Republic toward establishing human relations councils in the South, we received enough money to do it in twelve states only, not in thirteen.* And the one we left off was Oklahoma. We suppose that you people are far enough along to work the matter out yourselves without subsidy.

The offer we made to the other states is enough money to enable them to pay one or one and a half or two full-time professional staff persons, plus a clerk, for most of three years. Thereafter they have to stand on their own. I send a copy of our original Memorandum #1, which outlines this arrangement.

The other twelve states now have such an organization. Here is a list of them.

I would say six or seven of them are doing admirably, and four or five of them are limping.

At the present time Jimmy Stewart in Oklahoma City is our board member for Oklahoma.

I have been out to Oklahoma City once or twice, and have the acquaintance of a good many people whom you will know there. I remember that Mr. J. B. Blayton of this city has a brother-in-law who lives in Oklahoma City.

We could advise you and travel out to help you get started and come back once or twice for nursing visits. But we have got all we can do to stagger under the load of this other twelve, and there isn't any money that we could devote to subsidizing Oklahoma. I still think Oklahoma can put together a staff and office on its own.

And I warmly urge that Oklahoma do so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls - Memo #1
List of Affiliated Organizations

cc: Mr. Christopher C. Mercer
FBR

handwritten note:
*We all along expected not to help Oklahoma.
I don't wish to blame the Fund for the
Republic for what was SRC's decision and
request.

June 26, 1956

Mr. Henry Lee Moon,
Public Relations Director
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Moon:

We here at the Council have just seen your excellent pamphlet, NAACP An American Organization. We would like at least fifteen of these to distribute to our state directors. We think this might be useful to these directors in their work.

In addition, if these pamphlets are available in numbers without charge, we could use up to 200 copies. We often get requests about information concerning the NAACP and we think this would help us tell people about the kind of organization the NAACP is. In any case, we will be grateful for any number of the pamphlets that you can spare.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

June 27, 1956

Mr. Oscar Cohen, Program Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Thank you for your letter of June 25 with your kind words about my presentation at the Southern Conference on Human Relations Education in Oklahoma. I was pleased with the reception it received out there and with the ensuing discussion. I feel the whole Conference was most worthwhile and served as a sort of re-charging station for those of us who work in the field. Because there was not unanimity I believe that those of us who are pro-integration had to further think through our position, and those who were not for integration probably learned a great deal through a living-learning experience.

I am interested that the New York Times may be interested in my presentation and if it can be of any use, I hope it will be used. Thank you for mentioning this and I would appreciate your keeping in touch with us on the matter, as you offered to in your letter.

I have already submitted my expenses to Art Levin here in the Southeastern Regional ADL office, for Gertrude suggested I do so before I left Oklahoma.

Since I was out in Oklahoma I have made trips to the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers' Annual Meeting in Shreveport and a UAW-CIO meeting in Port Huron, Michigan. We in the SRC believe it is extremely important to get the story out and that some of the refinements of the field be understood by bodies who can do something to contribute to social movement.

Best regards to Gertrude Noar, and I appreciated the opportunity of working with you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Copy - HCF

June 27, 1956

Mr. Richard Marx
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
1106 Water Board Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Dick:

Rather than writing directly to Dan Corrigan in St. Paul, I am writing to you and you may advise him about the difference between SRC and SCEF. It would be presumptuous of us to seek to judge another organization and certainly we do not feel that we are the authorized spokesman in the field of human relations. As to distinguishing between the SRC and the SCEF, the following seems important:

1. SCEF was an outgrowth of, and is a successor to, the Southern Conference on Human Welfare. SRC is an outgrowth and successor to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. The two movements have different traditions and different programs and personnel.

2. SRC is tax-exempt; SCEF lost its tax-exemption a few years ago.

3. SRC istrying to build affiliated State membership organizations. SCEF, to the best of my knowledge, is a self-perpetuating Board, and has no affiliated organizations or locals.

4. There are differences in tone and approach which can hardly be fittingly evaluated by us. Perhaps the best way to do so is to compare the publications of the two organizations.

5. We are entirely separate movements, going our separate ways, without either coordination or friction.

I am enclosing copies of several recent issues of New South which you might pass on to Mr. Corrigan. I hope this meets with what you needed.

Best personal regards. I look forward to seeing you at our next Board meeting.

Cordially,

FBR:mf

Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director

June 27, 1956

Mr. Russel O. Partington
2120 Blodgett Street
Muskegon, Michigan

Dear Mr. Partington:

I do greatly appreciate your kind letter. Here is the printment from which the quote in Life magazine was taken. The printment itself is fiercely reduced from what I sent them. But you get the argument.

My calendar says that on August 14th I show at Ann Arbor for a Workshop in Human Relations billed to make a speech on "Constructive Approaches to Desegregation." I am to be in the hands of one Fred G. Walcott, who is the Workshop co-Director. That's all I know, but I will certainly show. Very nice if you should turn up at the Workshop.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. - FFR Bulletin May, '56

June 27, 1956

Mr. James A. Donovan, Jr.
Chief, Leaders Division
International Educational Exchange Service
Department of State
Washington, D. C. Ref: IES

Dear Mr. Donovan:

I enjoyed the back copies of the International Educational Exchange Digest, and hope you will continue to send them to me in the future.

Suggestion: An inside sheet, near the beginning of each, listing the names and countries of the persons whose experiences and comments are therein given.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 27, 1956

Mr. Cary Robertson
Courier-Journal
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Cary:

I was last week at the Kentucky Labor School; feeling warmed by being thus close, but lacking conveyance to your vicinity. At the end of the week your reporter Don Freeman interviewed me.

When thus interviewed I always hold my breath. A victim can never tell what sort of thing will grind out. You have to shed, and take a chance that a mainly accurate and few-boners account will appear.

Congratulations on your man. He did it with taste and delicacy and understanding; as well as with truth and accuracy.

Love to Priscilla. I hope to scrape up two bucks and become her subscriber.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 27, 1956

Mr. James E. Wolfe, Director
Department of Research and Education
Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Jimmie:

If you achieve an address list of the students at the recent school, I would like to have a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 27, 1956

JC:

I shouldn't be surprised but what this is a mine for facts helpful to you and to Miss Florence.

GSM/eab
Encl. "The Impact of the Changing World. . ." by A. T. Spaulding.

June 27, 1956

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Richmond Times Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Virginius:

Here is the substitute new issue of our promotion leaflet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

June 27, 1956

Mr. Herbert W.K. Fitzroy
Richmond Area University Center, Inc.
Ellen Glasgow House
One West Main Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Fitzroy:

I read through with much interest your report for '49-'56.

We are part of something that is growing rapidly now, and has a great deal of growth ahead of it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 27, 1956

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

No, I had not seen the nice red, white, and blue NAACP pamphlet. I am grateful for it. I am so glad they did it.

I am coming to New York Wednesday, July 25th. The people that run Time-Life are paying for me to come up and make the map speech to their editorial staff.

I expect having achieved New York at somebody else's expense, I will stay around a couple of days.

I remind myself of Paul's caution that I should let you know of possible Thursdays in New York. I do now so let you know, though, as you know I am diffident about pushing myself off as a speechmaker.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 27, 1956

Mr. James J. Clark
Graduate Student
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Clark:

You and I cross paths incidentally because I do things with Lanier Hunt and he does things with you. Lanier wrote me the other day that you were to be at William and Mary.

I hasten to pass on to you my links with the College. I have a daughter named Ellen Mitchell who goes there. But that is immaterial because she is back in Atlanta this Summer, and next year she puts in a junior year in France. So she won't be around this Summer.

But I have a permanent friend at the College named Warner Moss who teaches government. Do go and see him. Good egg. Never mind any further excuse. Walk up to his house on Powell street and tell him you and George Mitchell have some hook together and Warner and his nice wife, Dorothy, will be your friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. R. Lanier Hunt

June 27, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

I have promised Will Maslow to show at some brain-power meeting he's got coming up for the late afternoon and evening of July 12th.

That puts me in New York the morning of July 12th.

July is vacation month for you and others I doubt not. But I will telephone the office the morning of July 12th and see if anybody up there has need of my shining face.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 27, 1956

Dr. A. W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend the Executive Committee meeting at the Penn Community Center on July 20 and 21.

We will make arrangements to have you met at the Charleston airport and get you back to the airport for your return trip. Several of us will have cars over at Frogmore. This will be no problem at all. It is about eighty-seven miles from Charleston to Frogmore. When your plans are more definite, you may advise me of your travel schedule.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

June 27, 1956

Mr. Fred Fuges
Director
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Fuges:

I have a letter dated June 16th from a retired Methodist parson in Macon, Georgia. His name is Reese Griffin. He is a man who has had large churches in that territory and is much respected.

I am privately informed that he is wobbly as a liberal, or has been wobbly in the past. Now he says that by reason of his participation in a recent interracial meeting of Methodist ministers, the Bass Memorial Church, of which he had for four years been retired supply pastor, has dropped him, and his South Georgia Methodist Conference did not reappoint him to the pastorate of the Bass Memorial Methodist Church.

"It has come to the place where a minister will lose his pulpit of [if] he says anything in favor of integration. It is not a matter of what he says nor how he says it He must not dare say anything at all. Good people and well informed people are being swayed by unholy emotions and unchristian prejudices."

Mr. Griffin does not ask me for any service. He is merely reporting these facts. I report them to you. His address is 2758 Cherokee Avenue, Macon, Georgia.

In the same letter he says that an Episcopal clergyman, the Reverend Ronald Merrix, who has for some years served as rector for St. James-on-the-Hill has lately been done out of Mr. Merrix's job also.

Sincerely,

GSM/eab

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. In re the man Merrix: Diocesan authorities deny that he lost his job. He merely resigned and took a whopping job in a church in Savannah.

June 27, 1956

Mr. Reese Griffin
2758 Cherokee Avenue
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

I am very glad to have your correspondence of June 16th, and have reported its facts to the Rights of Conscience program of the American Friends Service Committee. It is a simple matter for me to hear how important a figure you are in Methodist circles in the Macon area.

It is a small company of us who try in these days to tell the truth, and I am glad you are of the company.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 27, 1956

Miss Helen E. Amerman
Research Director
National Association of Intergroup
Relations Officials
c/o Commission on Race and Housing
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Miss Amerman:

Here is the present list.

Observe that Tennessee for the moment has no Executive Director. It is merely the chairman as given. Will soon we hope.

The Kentucky show is called the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. It's Executive Director is Galen Martin, whose address is at 208 West Main Street, at Frankfort, Kentucky.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. - Affiliated State Organizations' List

June 27, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I have passed your longer letter over to Fred for advice.

Meanwhile, I have Mrs. Boyle's report on the journey to Waynesboro.

Generally speaking, I agree that this is pay dirt. The way to get things done is to send people around to little-visited places and knit up acquaintances and interests and truth.

Observe the good done by one Bill Vastine in the enclosed report. We got the National Council of Churches to send a man around in eastern Virginia you know, and a man in central North Carolina, and a man in up-country South Carolina. And we sent Bob Menefee into the hills ourself, and we sent C. H. Parrish all over Alabama. This trick works.

Consider the addition to it that John Hope and C. H. Parrish make with their business about consultants' services. One of the real problems that Mrs. Boyle struck was the absence from the Waynesboro Negro community of ready local leadership. We can help import some! What you do is get some able guys acattered around at the colleges (particularly Negro ~~Colleges~~). Parrish showed me that these will be the keenest brains on the whole matter. And that also they are the brains least likely to be used in unraveling the matter. We can fetch these brains up through all layers and fetch them out at the top and put them to use.

Trade union analogy: Any bunch of experienced working people, no matter how dumb and whupped down, will fight to the death for the right to be represented, in their dealing with the boss, by anybody whomsoever they choose. They know that one of the boss' advantages is their dumbness, and so if they choose a smart outsider to stand for them, they are advantaged (if they stick behind him).

You can contribute acceptable, recognizable, workable leadership in places where leadership isn't. Whereupon hangs another item. When a really informed, keenly alert person has negotiated with the local bigwigs, and has found every opening for advance, and comes back to his people and says, "We can get to point X2," there is every possibility that his people will say, "To X2 we go." Not so assisted, they might say, "If we push we can get to X14." But if an informed man says X2 is where the line is, X2 becomes it.

Mrs. Boyle is close to doing that sort of job. I would think you would be well equipped if you could supplement her with some Negro person.

In any case, my warm congratulations to Mrs. Boyle for doing well a difficult thing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. - Confidential Report on Waynesboro
made by Mrs. Boyle to Mr. Marion

June 27, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

The police issue of "Research in Action" is a honey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 27, 1956

Mr. Donald G. McGarey
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McGarey:

I have a letter with you asking you to get me hauled to Pittsburgh July 11th. Skip it.

Somebody has successfully bought me to come to New York July 12th.

So I will ride Allegheny's 7:29 p.m. plan from State College airport Wednesday July 11th. That's easier for you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 27, 1956

Gramercy Park Hotel
New York,
New York

Dear Sirs:

I need to be in New York the night of July 11th. I don't get into the Newark airport until 9:07 p.m., and I could hardly get myself hauled to the Gramercy Park Hotel before 10:30 p.m. Would you save me a room, or are you as usual all stuffed up with conventions?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

June 28, 1956

To: Directors of Affiliated State Organizations

From: Harold C. Fleming

Subject: Distribution of materials

This is to bring you up to date on various free materials that we are sending out, as well as a word or two about priced materials which we have available.

1. Three Views of the Segregation Decisions. This pamphlet is being sent out in a special mailing to everybody on the New South mailing list. We will have a limited number of copies left over, but not enough to supply them to you in quantity.

2. The Fund for the Republic Bulletin, issue one. We are distributing this to the mailing list of the Southern Regional Council Newsletter, which includes board members of SRC and board members of the affiliated state organizations. In addition, we are sending 100 copies to each state office for such distribution as you care to make. Note, however, that state board members will have already received it.

3. Civil Liberties in the United States, by Robert Cushman. We are sending one copy of this to each state office. No further copies are available.

4. Fact Sheets on The Fund for the Republic, issues one, two and three, samples enclosed. We have about 1,000 copies of each of these Fact Sheets. Modest quantities will be supplied free to any state organization requesting them.

5. Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools. This pamphlet has been distributed in some quantities to the affiliated state organizations. We now have an additional supply and can send up to about 100 copies to each state organization that requests them.

6. Toward the South of the Future, newly revised. The first edition of this is familiar to the state organizations. You can order it in quantity at 2¢ per copy.

7. We have a small number of copies of the following books and will supply one or two on request: The Negro and the Schools, Schools in Transition, The Strange Career of Jim Crow, Desegregation Issue of The Annals. State organizations have already received one or more copies of these.

8. We have an ample supply of the following two pamphlets, which may be bought at the price indicated, or ordered on consignment. Note that we are cutting the price of Changing Patterns by 50% with the hope of giving it wider circulation quickly.

What the Supreme Court Said . . 10¢

Changing Patterns in the New South . . 25¢

I am enclosing sample copies of the various leaflets referred to.

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Fund's Bulletin, issue one
Three Fact Sheets
Baltimore pamphlet
Toward the South of the Future

June 28, 1956

Mr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I need some advice and I can be in New York the morning of July 12th to ask for it.

Mrs. Tilly, as you know, needs a goodish chunk of money for the next three years. Around seventeen or eighteen thousand a year. She has asked you to try to pick up some corner of that, and we all anxiously hope you will.

On Mr. Clement's advice I asked Lindsley Kimball to try to do the bigger chunk. Mr. Kimball says he can't.

Query: Will you be kind enough to puzzle about whom else I might approach. I have the whole morning of July 12th free, and could go and begin negotiations with anyone you might suggest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 28, 1956

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

We are in the process of making plans for the annual board meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 1956.

We are desirous of meeting at Tuskegee again this year and would like to use the facilities of Dorothy Hall. We would appreciate your clearing this with the proper authorities at Tuskegee Institute and letting us know whether or not we could come to Tuskegee.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

June 28, 1956

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
La Fonda Hotel
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Gene:

I am trying to put together some money for Mrs. Tilly's business. I think probably Dr. Patterson will put up some. I hope the John Hay Whitney Fund will help us again and a little more substantially. But that leaves the big chunk. She needs say $18,000 a year for three years.

Rufus Clement told us to ask Lindsley Kimball for the chunk. Mr. Kimball said sorry but his answer would be disappointing, etc.

I am going to New York July 12th. Have that morning free in big city. Have asked Patterson for his advice as to whom to see about the chunk.

Mrs. Tilly thought you might give me some advice too about whom I might begin negotiations with toward obtaining the chunk.

Your office said you weren't going to get back to New York until deep into August. If you ride this way, please come to see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 28, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

We have rewhiwed Form 1023 and the enclosures which you prepared for tax-exemption. We believe that the answers you give are adequate, and that they meet the requirements laid down by our legal counsel.

Your statement on consultants' membership in the Kentucky Council is forthright and honest and indicates that membership is only incidental and not required.

We feel that the application, the enclosures and the covering letter are all set to go. They are returned herewith for that purpose.

Sincerely yours,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

Encls.

June 29, 1956

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Leonard will tell you of the map speech which I, Mitchell, have from time to time put together. There has long been a hope that it could be mechanically reproduced in some way.

A few months ago the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the USA (which is the Northern Presbyterian Church) requested and received a grant of about $15,000 from the Fund for the Republic for its general program. Not long after the Presbyterians received the grant, they let me know that they were hopeful that with some small portion of the proceeds of the grant they could make a movie of the map speech.

As the matter shook around, the Presbyterians contracted with an Atlanta concern, Frank Willard Productions, to make the movie. Color film. In order to adapt it for television, which has a maximum of half an hour for customary programs, Willard and the Presbyterians required me to reduce a thirty-eight minute speech to twenty-six -- but never mind.

Willard now hands me this proposed agreement between his firm and myself on behalf of the Southern Regional Council. Willard is no lawyer and it's his own wording.

The purpose he sets out to accomplish with the proposed agreement seems to me proper, and I would be disposed to execute the agreement. But I would not do so without your kindness in advising me whether the agreement seems in proper form. And if objections to it as a policy matter occur to you, please let me know.

If the matter needs further explanation from me, let me know and I will come over, to suit your convenience.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. - two copies of above-mentioned contract.

Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Speech to JC

June 29, 1956

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Piedmont Publishing Company
P. O. Box 2509
Winston Salem, North Carolina

Dear Reed:

Grand speech! It hit every one of the big nails right on top of the head! Wise, strong, tolerant. One little nail I think went in wrong or got bent over. Top of page nine. Second line. I would omit the words "if any." And toward the bottom of the page on page ten, I think the sentence "but if the Negro School," overstates the matter. But the general thesis that it is compulsory segregation which hurts, I would certainly agree with.

It encourages us all greatly that you said these good things.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 29, 1956

Mr. John Wesley Dobbs
Auburn Avenue at Hilliard St.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dobbs:

I am so glad you wrote Mr. McClain, and wrote him so ably and rightly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 29, 1956

Mr. Robert K. Merton
Associate Director
Bureau of Applied Social Research
Columbia University
427 West 117th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Merton:

We have put out various feelers for information which will give us enough to make a proper answer to your letter of June 21st.

The Atlanta Council of Church Women deserves high commendation. We run into some sensitivity on the point that it's work has been intertwined with the work of the Georgia Council of Church Women. Indeed it would be proper to say that no small part of the leadership of the Georgia Council of Church Women has come out of the Atlanta Council of Church Women. And quite often the two bodies have acted simultaneously and in a similar sense.

Second point: For the last year or so, the Atlanta Council has slackened its public advocacy in the field of race relations. For your private information this is because one of the prominent officers of it has a family connection with services to the state. But the situation is understood, and interest and a good deal of activity manifested in various ways continues in the field of race relations within the Atlanta Council of Church Women. But it is proper to say that their notably praiseworthy activities were a year or two ago. Chief of these was the action, a couple of years ago, of the Atlanta Council of Church Women in appearing -- along with a few other groups -- before the Georgia Education Commission and publicly recommending retention of the public schools, which was tantamount to the recommendation that the Supreme Court's decision on desegregation of the public schools be complied with. The Georgia Education Commission was a body of stout pro-segregationists, chosen to find a way to circumvent the Court's decision.

The Atlanta Council of Church Women has for a good many years met bi-racially as a matter of precedent and unquestioned habit. And its custom of proceeding as a union of the minds of white and Negro Church Women is deeper than mere interracial meeting would imply.

In current months their program is concerned with aid to the juvenile court system; help to girl detainees within the juvenile delinquency system; help to women presently in the Georgia prisons in the state and in the city; a minor form of settlement activity in a particularly impoverished white area; and it continues to hold bi-racial discussion meetings.

Thus the picture is somewhat mixed. But it would be our view that the Atlanta Council of Church Women has been somewhat braver and more outspoken than similar councils of church women in other Southern cities.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 29, 1956

Mr. John Hope
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Many thanks for report which is good, and which is woven into our quarterly report.

You are a main grow-point for SRC.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 29, 1956

Mr. Lawrence Bloomgarden
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Bloomgarden:

I have the enclosed letter. When the maggie comes, I will send it on to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. -/ltr from William E. Forester
Kappa Alpha, dtd 6/28/56

June 29, 1956

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

For the Institute people's information, I will be getting into Nashville at 1:07 p.m., July 9th, and shall be leaving at 10:00 a.m., July 10th. I will stick around for most of the afternoon of July 9th, and for a little more than breakfast time July 10th, and I will be there with bells on for the evening of July 9th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 29, 1956

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

The Emory man who wrote McClain was a professor in the Theology School named Claude Thompson. Guy Wells wrote him and John Wesley Dobbs wrote him, and Mrs. Tilly either has written him or is about to write him. I imagine McClain got a great many letters trying to set him straight.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 29, 1956

Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
Penn School
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Miss Elizabeth:

We are delighted!

If you have a dumb girl with little judgement, it is best to use a recording machine. If you have a smart girl with much judgment, it is best to use Miss Elizabeth. I will discuss with Alice what chance there will be of fetching her and/or Ellen (that's the only one at home now) to Frogmore, and will let you know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 29, 1956

Mr. Oscar Cohen, Program Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue,
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Thank you for your letter of June 27, with the enclosed proposed questionnaire. I have taken the liberty of marking up this copy. Items that are encircled with pencil are suggested changes or reasons for change; other items are suggested inserts. Since I did not have a blue pencil, I could not do an adequate job of editing, but trust the ink will serve the same purpose.

I think it would be good to send out the questionnaire, for this was a rather select group with which we dealt and we might find some interesting suggestions on identifying problems and dealing with them, helpful hints on good practices, and something of an evaluation (in question 12) of the value of conferences such as our Oklahoma one.

No one else is doing exactly this sort of thing and the more data we have, the better we will be.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Enclosure.

June 29, 1956

Miss Ann Minter
Camp Glisson
Dahlonega, Georgia

Dear Ann:

I found your letter when I came back from teaching in the school in Mississippi. Yes, indeed, I would love to be in charge of one of the cabins.

Now, as to the course on segregation, I too need some direction. Will I have one group through the week or will it be as it was before, different groups every two days? I would appreciate it if you would let me know by return mail. I have plenty of material and it won't be difficult to do either way.

Looking forward to being with you in the great experience we always have at Glisson, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:maf

June 29, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Here is some report for April, May, and June, 1956.

BACK AND FORTH

Harold Fleming has been to New York a couple of times, conferring variously and about the special fact-finding program and generally making friends for us.

Fred Routh has been out to meetings of our state people in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Kentucky. Along with John Hope and the consultants' service program, he has been also to South Carolina and Florida.

People have got on to Fred Routh for a speaker: Southern Sociological Society, Spelman College, AAUW at Birmingham, ADL in Atlanta, Oglethorpe University, the ADL Conference in Oklahoma, Clark College in Atlanta, etc. In addition, he went up to the Board meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials at Detroit; and made a swing to the West Coast, mainly for the Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco. That let him get on to Los Angeles and Seattle for appearances with similar groups. Whereby our gospel has been carried to the West Coast.

Mrs. Tilly has attended meetings of the church women in six states.

George Mitchell met with labor groups at the International Ladies Garments Workers Union institute, in New York; with an AFL-CIO luncheon in Washington; and taught again at the Kentucky Labor School. For church-related bodies he spoke to the Presbyterians (U.S.) in Charleston; to a body of Baptist ministers (National Baptist Convention) in Atlanta; to

the New York Chapter of the American Jewish Committee; to a Convention of the American Jewish Congress; to the Methodist Settlement Workers; for a retreat for the Catholic St. Peter Claver Center (Washington, D.C.) near Charlottesville; and for the Ecumenical Conference for the Southeastern area of the National Council of Churches. Other groups reached included Bennett College at Greensboro, the Kansas Conference of Social Work (for good pay), the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission (which handsomely awarded Mrs. Tilly and George Mitchell), the National Federation of Settlements (St. Louis, and again for good pay), and the Alabama Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

A new line of business begins now to pop up. We get visited or written to by perplexed local groups, on how they can plan wisely for the future. Quite an interesting such visit from an Asheville, North Carolina delegation. The college at Wadley, Alabama, similarly needed advice. And most remarkable, the City Administrator of Orangeburg, South Carolina, wrote in for advice on what Orangeburg should do. We hear from our state people that this is a spreading trend; notwithstanding the noises made at the tops of several states, the local city officials are trying to figure out how they can comply!

Still another new need. People begin to write memoirs, and ask us for help in recalling things past. Somebody is doing a life of Lucy Mason; and Jack Woofter is doing his story.

And the usual run of visitors from the ends of Creation; and the mail, and the telephone. What makes it all possible is the efficiency with which the staff do their jobs, and the wisdom and care of the state organizations in so conducting their affairs as to give us only two or three chronic cases of worry!

THE TREND OF THE TIMES

Last time I reported good causes were embattled. An introduced yeast had caused visible Southern public opinion to rise up against desegregation.

This time I think the puff is out of the risen dough. There is still noise, mostly from Governors, politicos, and legislatures. But there is a pleasing tendency for local officials to adjust their minds and their plans to opening the schools. The undertone, "it's coming" is heard more often. We have had evidence that quite a string of cities is trying to figure out the next step in the direction of compliance: Norfolk, Richmond, Asheville, Greensboro, Knoxville, Nashville (even Memphis!), Atlanta, etc. And Texas continues to do well. Kentucky has about decided that behaving is to its liking. In Oklahoma the problem is nearly over. Significant that Thurgood Marshall at the San Francisco convention of the NAACP at the end of June divided the Southern states into those where leadership had shown good faith (where the NAACP would continue to negotiate for further compliance); and those where resistance was emphatic (where the NAACP would sue). Nine for negotiation; eight to be sued.

And Vann Woodward has lately been saying that in the Reconstruction period the whole South, even the border states, bucked the United States; while this time it is only a few. That's a bull point.

Conclusion: now that both sides have been noisily put, sensible people are beginning to ask how to get on with what has to be done. That is where SRC shines! We think we know what to do!

THE CHURCH WOMEN

Mrs. Tilly's help has gone mainly to Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Georgia. Alabama had a workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. They needed such a meeting because communication between the races has been all too infrequent in Alabama latterly.

In Louisiana she checked matters over with the principal officers of the United Church Women and spoke at a gathering at Baton Rouge. The local version of Citizens' Councils -- there called the Southern Gentlemen -- were on hand. One or two essayed to worry Mrs. Tilly with Bible texts. But they soon got back better than they could give, and ended by apologizing for some portion of their rudeness. One of the men told Mrs. Tilly that she was too nice to be on the wrong side. She said that was what she thought about his being a member of the Southern Gentlemen.

In Georgia she went to the regular annual meeting of the North Georgia Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; met later with a segment of the leadership of the Woman's Society to discuss integration in the schools; and taught a course every day or two for a couple of weeks in seven Methodist churches in Atlanta. Thus described, the teaching looks routine. But these were churches in areas where the women's husbands are quite apt to belong to the KKK!

In Mississippi, Mrs. Tilly gave a week in June to teaching at the School of Missions of the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church at Gulfside, which is to say she spouted decency to and with Negro Methodism in the South.

On top of these entirely Southern things, she went to Philadelphia in April and got handsomely awarded by the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission. Went on to New York and conferred extensively with the United Church Women, the YWCA, and the Methodist Church. Also spoke at a meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union in Washington.

The Council has been appealing here and there for further funds for what Mrs. Tilly does. Thus far we have found listeners who seem likely to find two, three, or four thousand dollars, but not the fifteen or eighteen thousand dollars a year that she should have. What Mrs. Tilly does is valuable beyond price, and one would think that somebody could see it.

IN THE STATES

Fred Routh's notes:

ALABAMA: Working quietly with seventy ministers across the state to stand for integration. Working with student groups at the University of Alabama for a peaceful September, 1956.

ARKANSAS: Quietly working with more school districts to bring about a policy of desegregation. State Commission on Industrial Expansion Director used ACHR material in speech warning of growing threat to industrial expansion because of non-compliance.

FLORIDA: Board assuming responsibility for fund-raising. Staff working with "locals" and ministerial groups. Dade County Council on Community Relations (five years old and 400 strong) voted to affiliate with Florida Council.

GEORGIA: Atlanta Council on Human Relations formed; has potentialities. Full day work-session on school problems held in Macon. Director speaking before status organizations.

KENTUCKY: Working on problem of keeping teachers by merit not race. Cooperation from State Board of Education. Consultant service to desegregating districts. New Director good choice.

LOUISIANA: Joint Committee, similar to one in Washington, D. C., formed in New Orleans. With NAACP presently outlawed new responsibilities falling on Louisiana Council.

MISSISSIPPI: Conditions in the state make work all but impossible. Resignation of state chairman calls for "agonizing reappraisal" of SRC support of state organization. This underway.

NORTH CAROLINA: Closely working with Charlotte Council and local school authorities. Interview with Governor disclosed a policy of "hands off" local decisions but the Governor still hopes for "voluntary" segregation.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Staff helping get the story out on WCC activities. Work in Orangeburg area to keep lid from blowing off.

TENNESSEE: Office moved to Nashville; new state Chairman, Mrs. Mollie Todd, civic leader. Consultant program active; seeking Executive Director.

TEXAS: A study, "Texas Schools in Transition" underway. Ed Klappe, a pusher, made full-time Executive Director. Advisory Committee in Austin more active in working with staff and board. Organized labor and Negro teachers still cooperating with Texas Commission.

VIRGINIA: Working with several communities which may move to desegregate this Fall. Organizing more "locals." Publishing highly informative newsletter. Cooperating with other organizations of like mind.

MOVIE OF THE MAP

The Northern Presbyterians are using some of the Fund for the Republic's grant to them to get a movie done of George Mitchell's well-known "map speech." They found an Atlanta movie-maker who likes the job. Only problem is that the sponsors and the movie-makers agree that the thing has to be squshed into twenty-six minutes, whereas the full-length job runs to thirty-eight. The argument is that the shorter version can get onto television, and nothing longer could. So Mitchell has whacked out the jokes that relieve the seriousness, and the details that add conviction, and is behaving compliantly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Committee met in April, in Atlanta. Tolerable attendance, not better. Much business in a two-day session. Next meeting is relaxed, in July, on St. Helena's Island, in South Carolina. The Quakers are readying there an interracial conference spot. Good spot; replete with oysters and crabs and with an honest tradition of forty acres and a mule.

ALTERED OFFER TO TWO STATES

When we began our program of aid to state organizations we sent out a famous memorandum #1, which outlined even-steven assistance to each of twelve. And until quite lately we have stuck by just that offer.

Recently it seemed good to offer a tailor-made program for Kentucky and for Tennessee, and we have so offered. Kentucky ends up with less than its covenanted aid from us in the current fiscal year, but with the money in pockets that better fit their needs. Tennessee much the same, except that Kentucky got going at once with what she wanted to do, and Tennessee is hunting for staff for getting going again.

These two instances point to what we expect we ought to be doing more largely year after next, and perhaps ought to do next year. The idea is that at least after fiscal 1957-58 say half of the states would be able to run on their own, and half would need some modest help. That's the direction in which we shape our plans.

INFORMATION

Publications

New South during the quarter now ending ran several noteworthy articles especially prepared for us. The April issue brought together facts and opinion on racial problems as a threat to the South's economic development; the lead article was reprinted by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and various other papers. The May issue published for the first time a uniquely strong speech by a chamber of commerce executive warning business leaders that they must give positive leadership in racial affairs. An article in the same issue by an Arkansas educator debunked the myth that downgrading of educational standards inevitably follows desegregation; this drew editorial comment in several Southern newspapers and will be of special value to teacher and parent groups. The June issue carries an analysis of "interposition" by Professor Arthur S. Miller, of the Emory University Law School, which is probably the clearest thing yet on the subject.

Also published: "Three views of Desegregation," including statements by William Faulkner and Benjamin Mays, in cooperation with the Southern Historical Association and the Fund for the Republic. "What the Supreme Court Said," giving the texts and analysis of the decisions, is proving a popular program item with our state affiliates and other organizations.

Newspapers and Magazines

The usual number of reporters and magazine writers sought us out for information and advice. Among those requesting and getting special help were writers for various bureaus of the Associated Press, United Press, International News Service, Time, Life, Collier's, Newsweek, The Reporter, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and Atlanta papers; also NBC Television News and the Canadian Broadcasting Company.

Materials Distributed

Through the state groups and otherwise, SRC distributed reprints of the New York Times special supplement on the South, the desegregation issue of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, a Reporter article on the Montgomery bus boycott by the Rev. Thomas Thrasher, the American Civil Liberties Union's annual report, the Bulletin of the Fund for the Republic, the Fund's several fact-sheets, and additional copies of "Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools."

Speeches and Consultation

The Assistant Director for Information spoke to an aggregation of teenagers at a YWCA camp and to a parents group of the Grace Methodist Church. Consulted on program with representatives of the Christian Congregationist

Churches, Presbyterian Church Women, the American Teachers Association, the Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations, the American Recreation Association, the Catholic Interracial Council, the Fund for the Republic, and others unrecorded.

The Record-Keepers

These days, mainly with the help of the Doris Duke Foundation, we are advantaged with a one and one-half woman unit that collects and catalogues the pamphlets. Ten papers and seven magazines get active clipping. And we occasionally snip from something else. Our state offices send in quite a stream of local material, which we also ticket away. In this half of 1956 we have already filed a greater cubic yardage than in all of 1955. Pamphlets 1,500. Indexed and cross-indexed.

Nearly every day some hurry call comes in for a special rounding up of facts for a student, a teacher, the YW, a church, a newspaper, or somebody else. It takes seventy-five letters a month to send out what people ask for.

They keep a careful record of pro-segregation activity, economic pressure, desegregation in the public schools, colleges that are open, pro-segregation groups, playgrounds that are open, and some categories of Negro office-holding.

The little unit briefs our consultants when they are going out to new places. The whole unit has been invaluable in the fact-finding enterprise. It is the brick yards where much of the work is done.

SPECIAL FACT-FINDING PROGRAM

Desegregation Survey

An inventory of specific instances of desegregation occurring since May, 1954 was completed during the quarter. With the addition of one temporary staff member, Mrs. Margaret Price, and the use of three short-term reporters in Missouri and Oklahoma, it was possible to cover reasonably well the 17 Southern and border states. Some 1100 usable instances were collected. The report of the findings, running to approximately 100 pages, has been completed and sent to the Fund for the Republic and David Loth, who directed a similar study of the 31 non-Southern states. At this writing, some form of joint publication of the SRC and Loth reports is being explored. In any case, we plan to publish a summary of the SRC findings -- probably in New South -- and release it to the press. The findings bear out the original assumption that an inventory of desegregation would produce an impressive body of material and could help to counteract the discouraging effect of recent negative developments.

Study of Negro Suffrage in the South

The aim of this project is to assemble for the twelve Southern states information on the present extent of Negro registration and voting, obstacles to full Negro suffrage, and the relation of disenfranchisement to county data on population, income, industrialization, and urbanization. The study is well under way in nine of the twelve states; in the remaining three, there are problems of personnel which we hope to solve shortly. In each of the activated states, a qualified director for the study has been secured on a part-time consultant basis, and additional personnel are used as needed. This is a "crash" project, the deadline for fact-finding being the end of September; it is also the largest in scope, and probably the most important in terms of public policy.

Study of Southern Industrialization

In the controversy over desegregation, the industrialization of the South has come to the fore. SRC has commissioned Hammer and Company, economic consultants, to gather information on all industries locating in the South in the last five to ten years, with respect to type, size, and ownership. This is a large operation, involving inquires by mail or in person to dozens of chambers of commerce, industrial development agencies, and plant location firms. The data collected will be tabulated and analyzed in terms of their meaning for race relations. In this way, we hope to clarify the implications which new industry holds for racial problems and progress in the region. The deadline for the fact-finding is no later than September 1.

Field Study of Resistance Movements

We have employed a temporary staff member to gather first-hand information on the nature and leadership of the various pro-segregation organizations operating in the South. He is Paul Anthony, of Atlanta, a graduate of the University of Miami's Human Relations Department, who has had experience in both social science action-research and in business. Mr. Anthony has spent two weeks digesting the large body of material already available and is presently carrying on field research in Alabama. His findings will be available to SRC staff as he completes his field travel in each state. At the end of the project, he will prepare an over-all summary and analysis, which will be the basis for such publications and reports as seem indicated.

Field Study of Labor and Race Relations

Under a special financial arrangement with the trade union consultant to the Fund for the Republic, Mr. Benjamin Segal, a qualified Southern trade unionist has been engaged for a three-month period of field work. He is Morton Elder, of Birmingham, who has had many years of experience in workers education and other labor activity in the CIO. Mr. Elder is to gather information on the progress of Negroes in the labor

movement, new problems arising out of the school segregation controversy, practices which affect equal opportunities in employment, upgrading, and promotion, and effective methods for improving race relations within the union movement. This project is being carried out with the knowledge and approval of appropriate labor leadership.

FOREIGN VISITORS

April 5	Frank Tomney, Labor Party Representative in the British Parliament. South of England.
April 10	Louis H. A. Frequin, Editor-in-Chief of the Gelderlander Press of Nijmegen. Berg en Dalsweg 466, Nijmegen.
April 30	John Burns Hynd, 18 Lakeside, Enfield, Middlesex, Entland. Labor member of the British Parliament, and a participant in the Foreign Leader Exchange Program of the International Educational Exchange Service, U. S. Department of State.
May 9	Drachkovitch Milorad, 11 Dyver, Bruges - Belgium (Europe). Professor at the College of Europe.
May 11	Max Brauer, Hamburg, Germany. Former Lord Mayor of Hamburg, Germany.
May 28	Hans Mengel, City Editor - Salzburgee Valksblott, Salzburg, Austria.
June 4	Dr. Werner Isboff, (Switzerland), 3914 Livingston, Washington, D. C. Journalist.
June 4	Dr. Peter Kortenweg, 1801 Clydesdale Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. Washington correspondent for ten Dutch newspapers.
June 12	Charles Pannell, 159 Glenview, Abbey Wood, London, S.E. 2, England. Labor Member of Parliament, England.
June 18	Seet Leong Seng, c/o Quantas Empire Airways Ltd., MacDonald House, Singapore 9. Senior Staff Clerk, Quantas Empire Airways, LTD. Singapore.
June 18	Chellappah Rasadurai, 415 Lemon St., Seremban, N.S. Malaya. Clerk, Sessions Court, Seremban.

DIARY ITEMS

Mitchell spent several days twenty miles from Asheville, North Carolina. A delegation of forward-looking Asheville citizens, white and Negro, came to sit on the porch and conjointly plan the desegregation of the Asheville schools.

Met for a couple of days with nearly all the ministers, and some of the laymen in those scattered churches, of the Northern Presbyterian Church up and down the Southeastern Atlantic Seaboard. Mostly Negro churches. What to do and how to do it?

Put in one whole morning with His Honor, the Lord Mayor of Hamburg, Germany, and all afternoon with a reporter from the Washington Post.

The Student Council at Swarthmore badly needed a speaker. Got them one.

Small college in Alabama wanted faculty advised on how to desegregate. Gave it.

Southeastern meeting of the National Council of Churches needed some teaching on desegregation. Provided it.

John Constable helped Southern Regional Office, National Student Council, YWCA, select material on desegregation for two student conferences.

Sent samples of suggested materials on desegregation to directors of Summer human relations workshops in the South and border states. Some requests for additional materials subsequently received.

Fred Routh rode on train with leader of White Citizens' Council of East Black Belt of Alabama; man discouraged about rapidity of desegregation and bad name WCC getting from Ace Carter.

Talked with officer of General Electric who felt that industry could not afford to let politicians and bigots ruin Southern economy.

Field representative of National Student Association stopped by office; long talk on what can college students do to prevent future "Tuscaloosas." He reported that the President of the student body at the University of Alabama had written the national office saying students were "ashamed" of what had happened.

Talked with NAACP leader from Louisiana who said, "Little old brown man name of Gandhi toppled an empire with passive resistance; Montgomery bus protest means the same thing." This concept is spreading and passive resistance is growing as a policy in a number of Southern communities.

Mrs. Tilly was teaching at a church school some sub-teens. One asked, "Mrs. Tilly, where in the Bible does it say God created the black man?". Mrs. Tilly replied, "In the first chapter of Genesis it says God created man in his own image and likeness, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." The child said, "Was Adam a black man?".

Mrs. Tilly at Baton Rouge. The self-styled Southern Gentlemen and their lady-folk were present. One such lady to Mrs. Tilly: "You are going to make my child go to school with n-----'s." Mrs. Tilly: "I haven't that power." The lady: "You are the Southern Regional Council, ain't you?".

MONEY

Mrs. Ruth Alexander will be reporting as soon as the Auditor can be got in. Meanwhile we feel fairly safe for getting through this fiscal year. The states are all right; and all are being aided as agreed. The Atlanta office looks as though it will just about meet its total budget for the fiscal year, but that depends on our getting in eight thousand dollars or so of what we hope for from other people. As to meeting our quota with the Fund for the Republic ($55,000 from outside sources) we are within eight of the goal largely because the New World Foundation has sent us $17,000 to keep the special project of consultants' services going through this calendar year. We may be making lame speeches about a few hundred dollars below quota, at the end of the fiscal year, but on the other hand we may just make it. Next year's tougher, but we plan for it.

JOHN HOPE AND THE CONSULTANTS

A report from this program is compressed herewith:

Two workshops in this quarter. South Carolina late in April. Three SRC staff persons plus a consultant from Florida State University, and another from Howard University. Thirty-nine present, of whom seven were members of the Board of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. The rest had been invited by the state Director.

Other one for Florida held at Lakeland in early June. Two SRC staff persons present. One consultant from the University of Kentucky and another from Howard University. Nine members of the Board of the Florida Council on Human Relations present. Total attendance eighteen.

The Florida group with more Board members is more sophisticated, but each group proceeded quite considerably.

The Florida meeting provided the answer to a perplexing problem: How to meet the situation of summoning the Board members for training when the states have to pay? Answer: hook the training on to the normal Board meetings anyway.

Workshops coming up: Alabama in late September, North Carolina maybe.

Grow-points: John Hope thinks about arranging consultation services with school boards, and study groups within school boards.

May use consultants as speakers and panel participants when SRC staff members not available. In some states consultants would be invited when SRC personnel wouldn't!

Specifically aimed visits by consultants to SRC state offices.

John Hope, himself, is helping unravel the problems of Nashville in public school desegregation.

Quite clearly we are getting our money's worth in thinking and training and teaching from the consultants' program.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

June 29, 1956

Miss Mildred Grossman
1828 Longfellow Avenue
New York 60, New York

Dear Miss Grossman:

Yes indeed we can be together in the course of my trip to New York July 25th. I will certainly be in the city July 25th and 26th. I don't know yet about the schedule. I am sure I am tied up for mid-day and for early afternoon of the 25th, nor do I know where I will stay. New York Hotels scare me stiff with their prices. ?

But I will write you a good ten days before I go, and will tell you how things shape up. So please you stay in town July 25th and/or 26th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

June 29, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thanks for your last letter. I was glad to have the additional item for your biographical summary. I have passed on Mr. Carroll's letter to Mrs. Spearman, and we are undertaking to get a copy of Mr. Weston's sermon. Both items are of great interest, but I am afraid their somewhat political tone would make it unwise for us to reprint or otherwise distribute them.

I am glad to hear that you expect to be able to resume normal activity soon.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF:mbo

June 29, 1956

Mrs. Bem Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

Thanks for your letter on the desegregation report and for your prompt run-down on the Governmental Affairs Institute.

I'm glad you think the report turned out well. The questions you raise are all good ones, and they, as well as the additional information you sent, will be incorporated. We will have to do a revised version soon, so there is no need to return the copy. I got word yesterday that the people at the Fund are earnestly figuring ways to publish.

"A Blitch in Time" is superb.

The Institute data on voting won't help our survey, but the various suggestions by Scammlon sound promising, and I will run down Gallup and the rest.

We will look forward to hearing when Bem's schedule is set. I am writing Rabb today to find out when I can see him and will come to Washington accordingly.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF:mbo

June 29, 1956

Mr. Maxwell S. Stewart
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Stewart:

You have every right to be impatient, as I have every right to have a bad conscience. The truth is that I should have had more will power than to have taken on the job at so hectic and unmanageable a time as this. But I didn't and I still want to complete it, for my own peace of mind as well as yours.

In view of the disappointing results of my earlier deadline setting, I am reluctant to set another. I will make every effort to have something for you in about two weeks.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 29, 1956

Mr. Nat R. Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thanks for your note about "Answers for Action". We will most certainly include the map in the revised printing.

We will take into account your suggestion of a simpler leaflet answering anachronistic questions as we plan future publications.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 29, 1956

Mr. John Popham
Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Pop:

I was distressed to learn that I missed seeing you at the last Sigma Delta Chi meeting, which I couldn't make.

It's been entirely too long since we have talked. I've got several interesting things on the fire I would like to discuss with you. Any prospect of a trip to Atlanta soon?

Best,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF:mbo

June 29, 1956

Mr. Solomon Barkin
Director of Research
Textile Workers Union of America
99 University Place
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Barkin:

George Mitchell asked me to check into the man Glenn Gilman at Georgia Tech. A friend of ours on the faculty, whose judgment we trust completely, gives a glowing report of Gilman. He describes Gilman as extremely able and intelligent, and both liberal and level-headed in his approach. Since Gilman is supposed to be both conscientious and friendly to the labor movement, there is no ostensible reason why he should have failed to answer your letter. Having failed once in an attempt to reach him, I decided to pass this word along to you. Perhaps you may try a follow-up on your earlier letter.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

June 29, 1956

Miss Barbara W. Hopkins
National Citizens Council for Better Schools
9 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Hopkins:

Of course we know about the National Citizens Council for Better Schools and are glad that the pamphlet on the segregation decisions came to your attention. I am sending you separately half a dozen copies for your files and the information of your staff people.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Three Views (6)

June 29, 1956

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Adam:

I've given some heavy thought to your question about Levine's report possibly disqualifying AVC from doing a veterans' study. I don't think so, if the right kind of study is planned and carried out, and if the right kind of personnel are secured for it. It seems to me that careful and balanced findings would carry their own weight. Moreover any group that is likely to undertake such a study would probably have taken strong stands on racial questions and would be subject to impeachment for bias. In short, I think the quality of the study and its findings, rather than sponsorship are the major questions.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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63 Auburn Avenue N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

June 29, 1956

NIGHT LETTER

Mr. John Hope II
1808 Morena Street
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Muravchik will be here Monday and Tuesday. Elder also here for conference on labor study. Hope you can come.

Harold C. Fleming

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July 2, 1956

Mrs. Doris S. Glenn
3047 Butte Street
Santa Clara, California

Dear Mrs. Glenn:

Mr. Howden of the Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco has forwarded to me a copy of a letter he wrote you about the Southern Regional Council. I am enclosing two recent issues of our magazine, New South. Subscription price is two dollars per year. I am also enclosing a copy of our publication list.

We are momentarily out of "A Brief History of the Southern Regional Council," but will send you one when it comes back from the printer.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Dictated by Mr. Routh. Signed by his secretary in his absence.

July 2, 1956

Miss Esther C. Stamats, Director
Christian Social Relations
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

A Special Delivery letter from Thelma has come and the dates, October 30-31, will be the best for us. I am so glad that you will be with us, for I certainly would not like to have it without you. If you have any suggestions for those two days, please give them to me.

Thank you so much for the cooperation and the understanding you always give to me.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

July 2, 1956

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

October 30-31 will be the best days, so we will settle on them.

Enclosed you will find a check for sixty dollars, as I used only sixty of the one hundred twenty dollars, giving each of the following ten dollars:

Mary Lena Wisehart, Kentucky Conference
Lucille Samuels, Texas Conference
H. B. Williams - Sub., Emma L. Smith
E. D. Willis, Tennessee Conference Secretary
Mrs. I. C. McAlister, West Texas Conference
Mrs. G. H. Rumph, Southwest Conference

The School of Missions at Gulfside was a great experience.

I am writing a note to Miss Stamats.

With love and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

July 2, 1956

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

Delighted to be your man Thursday, July 26th, 6-7 p.m. "The South and the Supreme Court Decision." I will try to get there fifteen minutes or so before 6:00.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 2, 1956

The New York Times
Times Square
New York 36, New York

Dear Sirs:

Burma is not in the British Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Clip from N.Y. Times
6/30/56

July 2, 1956

Mr. G. Ross Freeman
Director of Field Work
and Administrative Assistant
Candler School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Freeman:

All straight, and I will show up Friday morning, July 6th at least by 8:30 o'clock, and preferably by 8:00 o'clock.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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July 2, 1956

Miss Beverly Bruninga, Administrative Secretary
Dade County Council on Community Relations
213 Northeast Second Avenue,
Miami, Florida

Dear Bev:

Thank you for your note of June 14. I have talked with Harold Fleming, who is in charge of information here at SRC, about the arrangement to push New South among the members of the Dade County Council.

We are sending you under separate cover 450 copies of the following items:

1. A back issue of New South.

2. A subscription sheet (for tucking into New South).

3. Our publications list.

If you will mail these to the members of the Dade County Council, I believe you will be adequately pushing the magazine. You might insert a mimeographed notice from your office, urging them to subscribe.

I am certainly glad Irene Osborne will be with you for a month in the Fall, and indeed you do HAVE something cooking.

Anything we can do to help, please let us know.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Dictated by Mr. Routh. Signed in his absence by his secretary.

July 2, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
c/o Institute of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Milton:

Thank you for your letter of June 20, and I am glad you are planning to attend the Institute at Fisk. I believe this is an enrichening experience, even for the initiated.

As to fund-raising, the thing that has proved most successful among other states is for the Board of Directors to assume the responsibility for fund-raising. Some boards have effective finance committees which are going out to raise the funds. Local organization in the various communities of the state, I believe, is the best way to build membership. It seems to us, however, that membership fees alone are not adequate to finance an effective program and that you must seek donations in larger amounts from individuals, church groups, labor groups, businesses, and other interested groups. The Negro teachers group in some of the states has been most generous. Some churches -- both white and Negro -- have been willing to take up collections for a given state Council.

These are just some random thoughts, and certainly do not constitute a well-organized money-raising plan.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

P. S. See you at Fisk, for I will be there the 10th and 11th.

Dictated by Mr. Routh. Signed in his absence by his secretary.

July 2, 1956

Mrs. Kenion E. Edwards, Jr.,
520 Spring Valley Road, N. W.
Atlanta 18, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

Thank you for your letter of June 15 asking me to be the speaker at the AAUW of Atlanta, on either February 16 or April 20, 1957. I will be pleased to do so and either date is suitable for me, so if one is more convenient for you, please name it.

There will be no requirement of an honorarium. The group in Birmingham gave twenty-five dollars to cover my expenses for getting over there and back, but in the Atlanta area there would be no charge for transportation.

We believe that it is important that responsible groups, such as the AAUW, understand the pressing demands of our time for a decent respect for all mankind. I will be glad to talk on human relations with your group.

Very truly yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Dictated by Mr. Routh. Signed by his secretary in his absence.

July 2, 1956

Mr. Edward Howden, Executive Director
Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco
437 Market Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for forwarding the letters from the people out on the West Coast. I have sent them both a copy of New South and our list of publications. I have had one or two letters from the Los Angeles area too, so it looks like we have stirred up some interest out there.

Thanks for the opportunity you provided for us to do so. Thanks again for all the nice things you did.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Dictated by Mr. Routh. Signed by his secretary in his absence.

Copy - HCF

July 2, 1956

Mr. Milford Lloyd Morgan
14005 Quito Road,
Campbell, California

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Thank you for your interest in our program and organisation. I am sending you with this letter two recent issues of our monthly magazine, New South, and our list of publications. Subscription to New South is two dollars a year. At the moment, we are out of "A Brief History of the Southern Regional Council," but expect to have it in a week or so, and I will send you one at that time.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Dictated by Mr. Routh. Signed by his secretary in his absence.

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N.E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

July 3, 1956

PLEASE NOTE

The workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned which was to have been September 27 and 28, will be October 30-31, here in Atlanta. Please make this change on your calendar and hold the dates. You will get further information later as to place. The meeting will begin at 10:00 A. M. on October 30 and go through lunch on the 31st.

Miss Esther Stamats, from the United Church Women; Miss Thelma Stevens, from the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service; Dr. A. C. Miller, Executive Secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Miss Annie Tait Jenkins, from the Presbyterian Committee on Woman's Work, will be with us.

Hoping you will find it entirely possible to be with us, I remain

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

July 3, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Court Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hughes:

Thank you for your prompt and very helpful letter of July 2nd. I too regret that we were unable to get together while I was in Montgomery.

As my schedule now stands, I hope to be in Montgomery on Thursday, July 12th and if you are in town I shall look forward to seeing you then. If I cannot see you on this day I will plan to remain in Montgomery until Saturday the 14th since I would like to chat with you for a couple of hours.

During my visit next week I will attempt to see Miss DeBardeleben at Shorter. If you think it is necessary to pave the way for my visit, I will appreciate your doing so.

Please express my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Pate whose cooperation was invaluable.

I shall look forward to seeing you on the 12th or 14th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA:mbo

July 3, 1956

Professor Willis Sutton
Sociology Department
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Willis:

How about touching our parched tongue with thy comforting hono. for appearances at NCCJ-UK meeting?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 3, 1956

Mrs. C. A. Bender
Woman's Division of Christian Service
of the Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Bender:

Please ask Miss Mdlle. thy Sec. to revive my letter to you of March 23, '56, and the copy of your helpful answer to it March 31.

Strike any sparks?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 3, 1956

Mr. J. Rupert Picott
Executive Secretary
Virginia Teachers Association
Clay Street at Fourth
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Picott:

What do you hear or say about our hope that the Virginia Teachers Assn. and most or all of the rest would help SRC?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 3, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

Back in February I wrote you with the notion that you might so set your collecting of info. as to yield you a book on intergroupings in these Southerns. I kept a tickler to trail the idea. Alive or dead?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 5, 1956

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I have a letter from Mrs. James M. Todd in Nashville. Addressed from the office of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, 2005 Grand Avenue, but containing the sentence,"Since our office is open just part time I would prefer to receive any correspondence at my home, 1489 Clairmont Place."

GSM/eab

July 5, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mrs. James M. Todd
1489 Clairmont Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Todd:

Many thanks! If you will be so kind as to meet Eastern Air Lines' Flight 152, arriving Nashville at 1:06 p.m. Central Standard Time, on Monday July 9th, I will be most grateful. And that will give us a chance to begin to talk and we can make arrangements then for more talk if need be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 5, 1956

Rev. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Reverend Hunter:

We are happy that you are planning to attend the Executive Committee meeting on July 20-21 at the Penn Community Center.

Accommodations for your wife and two daughters will be available at the Center. We will make the necessary arrangements with the Director of the Center.

The Council will pay your travel expenses to this meeting. Since you are driving your car, you will be paid for mileage at the rate of six (6¢) cents per mile, plus any other expenses for meals and lodging enroute.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

July 5, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

The names ticked-marked here are those who were both my students at the recent Kentucky Labor School, and Kentucky residents.

I suggest that with two, three, or four exceptions, they were suitable persons to be cultivated for membership in the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. And I don't know the names of the exceptions, so I think you should feel free to cultivate all of them.

I had a few more students than those marked, but they didn't live in Kentucky.

Please do thank thy lady wife for a mighty nice supper, which I enjoyed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Checked list of Kentucky
Labor School students.

July 5, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Out in Texarkana at P. O. Box 621, is the Palmer Foundation.

Here is what is said about it in American Foundations and Their Fields, 1955 Edition:

Incorporated in Arkansas in 1944. Donors: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Palmer.

Purpose: To foster and promote through the public schools and otherwise those basic principles of morality which are common to all civilized races and religions, best exemplified in the Golden Rule, and to promote American patriotism.

Methods: Grants to other organizations, support of college workshops, publication of books.

Current Fields of Interest: Democracy and citizenship, secondary education.

Financial Data (year ended December 31, 1954): Total Assets, $69,753; total expenditures $14,647; grants out of principal, $13,456.

Officers and Directors: Henry W. Stillwell, President; Mrs. Bettie M. Palmer, Vice-President; Dr. T. J. Wilbanks, Treasurer; Mrs. Betty Palmer Hussman, Secretary; Dr. A. W. Birdwell, Dr. A. C. Ellis, Hon. Brooks Hays, Rabbi David Lefkowitz, C. Hamilton Moses, Mrs. Edith S. Naylor, C. E. Palmer, Mrs. Anna Palmer Vincent.

Did they but know it, you are their man.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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July 5, 1956

Mr. Oscar Cohen, Program Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Thanks a lot for your last letter. I appreciated the memo on the Oklahoma conference. I thought it was well done and was amazed at how much of the conference, or the spirit of the conference, was put into a relatively few pages.

I am sending you a copy of a brief history of SRC, which I think you may find interesting.

I have just been out in Mississippi, and have talked with such people as Boyd Campbell, former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and Rex Brown, Chairman of the Board of the Mississippi Power and Light Company, and both of them feel that the situation in Mississippi is beginning to slowly improve. What they mean, I believe, is that there is some less tension than there was a few months ago.

Things go well here generally, with no new excitement, even though Talmadge did open his campaign yesterday, July 4.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Encl.

July 5, 1956

Mrs. Dorothy M. Nathan,
Community Affairs Department
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mrs. Nathan:

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights in the U.S. Today. Please send us twelve additional copies for our state organizations, and bill us for them.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

July 5, 1956

Mr. Asa Spalding
North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co.
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Spalding:

Dr. Mitchell and others here read with interest the copy of your recent speech on Negro business, but while in circulation the copy was mislaid.

We receive a goodly number of requests for information on this subject, and would greatly appreciate it if you could send us two or three additional copies of this speech.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 5, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

The February 1 Newsletter spoke of Arna Bontemps' book. I send you ours for your quickest reading. Get it back and we will send it to the Virginia Council and on down the line. Extraordinary commendation will be meted out to that state office that reads the book the fastest and gives it back the quickest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
Arna Bontemps' Story of the Negro

AIRMAIL

July 5, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

This is to confirm my off-the-top reaction to your telephone call day before yesterday concerning the request from Robert Patterson.

I have discussed this with George Mitchell and other staff members, and they concur with my initial reaction - namely, that the best thing to do is to send Patterson a small number of copies of the Bulletin with an impersonal letter of transmittal. I should say twenty-five or fifty copies, certainly not more than one hundred. If you have any kind of mimeographed or printed form letter with which you acknowledge routine requests for material, I would certainly use that. (In fact, I would be petty enough to concoct one in order to avoid dignifying the request as anything special).

This is our best judgment, but of course we would have no qualms if you decided to do something else, from ignoring it altogether to supplying the quantity requested.

I will write you in a few days suggestions for distribution of The Negro Potential and "The Angry South".

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

July 5, 1956

Mr. Emmet Hughes
Fortune Magazine
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Emmet:

I have had some trouble tracking down an extra copy of our draft report on desegregation since May 1954. The extra copy I thought I had got away. So I am having one of our erstwhile researchers in Washington send her carbon to you directly. Bear in mind that it has not been edited or even proof read. If you should want to make emphatic use of any specific items from it, it might be well for you to drop me a note so that I can verify their accuracy as stated.

When you have finished with the draft, I would appreciate it if you would have your secretary send it back to us. No hurry.

It was a pleasure seeing you when you were here and comparing notes on Bob Kieve. I expect to see him in a week or so and will pass along your regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

July 5, 1956

Mr. Calvin Kytle
246 North High Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

Dear Calvin:

We have put together what little information we have on the editor of The Petal Paper, P. D. East. He is reported to be a youngish guy, thirtyish, a graduate of Mississippi Southern, and formerly a reporter on one of the papers in the Gulf area of Mississippi. He has a liberal reputation for some time, and apparently is given a completely free hand by the owner of The Petal Paper. As of latest reports, he is maintaining the normal volume of advertising.

We read your interesting piece on Dr. Spock and are looking forward to the one on the NAACP.

Best to you and Liz.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

July 5, 1956

Mr. Maxwell Rabb
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rabb:

You were good enough to tell Judge Elbert Tuttle a few weeks ago that you would be glad to give me a few minutes of your time when I was next in Washington.

It now appears I must make a trip to Washington between now and July the 18th. I can arrange the particular day of my visit to suit your convenience. Please let me know if it will be possible for me to see you some time between Monday, July the 9th and Wednesday, July the 18th.

I fully realize the heavy demands on your time, but the matter which Judge Tuttle raised with you is an important one and I believe our discussion of it will be mutually helpful. I remember with pleasure our brief meeting of two years ago, arranged by Bob Kieve, and I'm looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 5, 1956

Professor Harry Roberts
Department of Sociology
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I am looking forward to receiving a letter from you saying you are undertaking the survey of suffrage in Virginia. I am sure you agree that this is an extremely important effort just now, and let me reassure you again that I fully appreciate the problems involved in getting valid data. We have every confidence that you will get the most and the best that can be had.

Please put my mind at rest.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 5, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

I had an interesting letter from a Mrs. F. C. Schneider, P. O. Box 184, Rockledge, Florida.

She had met somewhere a persuaded lady from Memphis with whom I am acquainted, and the Memphis lady said the Rockledge lady should find out about this Southern Regional Council. Rockledge lady knew there was an office in Florida, but didn't know where. White woman, 39, two daughters, bookkeeper.

I have some feeling that people's letters describing their feelings on matters of race are private, and therefore I do not send on her letter. But I feel sure you will find her a nice person.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 5, 1956

Father Raymond Bernard, S. J.
Institute of Social Order
3908 Westminster Place
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Father Bernard:

I appreciate your note of July 3rd, and the copy of the longer letter.

I am sure you are on the right track. Much leverage is to be had by getting local people to use the argument that: "What some other town may do is the concern of that other town; for ourselves we propose to do what is right."

And time after time, as you will have seen, the incomer is met with a sheepish view. The man visited knows he should have taken some action already, and he hasn't. But the presence of the visitor convinces the visited one that the time has come for him to act.

I lift a precious file copy of the Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey and send it to you. But a word of caution about these surveys. They are valueless if hastily done and for hire. They only reward if many patient months have gone into constructing a survey committee of exactly the right local people, and every survey committee member is made to get out and get the facts. Then the surveyors make friends across the lines of race and make friends by their speciality interests. Thereafter, if a problem arises about transportation or sewer lines or schools or institutions, the white person and the Negro person who have found by working together that they can trust each other's information and judgement unravel the matter, and there is peace and growth.

Worth taking a few minutes to study the report of the Greenville, South Carolina survey. Observe particularly where in the summary one of the leading participants was heard to say, "we did not know each other well enough. Now we do. Meeting and working together

not as people of two different races, but as citizens with a common purpose, has been a release and a relief."

Every success to your endeavor.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Under separate cover:

Manual for the Home Town Self-Survey
Greenville's Big Idea
"Greenville's Big Idea Grows"

July 5, 1956

Mrs. F. C. Schneider
P. O. Box 184
Rockledge, Florida

Dear Mrs. Schneider:

I am so glad you wrote. We have an up and coming and sensitive and careful and thoughtful group in Florida. The Executive Director is a white man named William K. Williams, and the Associate Director is a Negro man named Howard D. Roberts. Their office is at 324 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach.

Rather than my sending on your letter to them, I would prefer to ask you to write to them and make yourself known. But I will write them that you have inquired.

To our mind the proper and right thing to do is not to flit about making excited statements, but to go about the patient task of persuading people community by community to come around to what they know is right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 5, 1956

FBR:

If you would like to get this circulated to our state people, unroll!

GSM/eab
Encl. AJC publicity re
Civil Liberties and Civil
Rights in the U.S. Today

cc: Dr. Lieberman

Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky
July 6, 1956

Mr. Sheldon Steinhauser
Ohio-Kentucky Regional Office
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
Suite 610
82 North High Street
Columbus 15, Ohio

Dear Mr. Steinhauser:

It was a pleasure to meet you at the University of Kentucky last week and I hope that your travel to Kentucky will be more frequent and that you will be available when you come through Louisville.

There is one matter I intended to mention to you, but found no appropriate time. It is the matter of my travel expenses to the meeting at the University of Oklahoma. I left a handwritten memorandum with Dr. Lieberman, but when I came through Louisville on my way down to Atlanta I did not find a check in my mail, and I wondered if he had misplaced my note. Consequently, I am sending herewith the plane ticket stub for ninety-six dollars ($96.00) and hope you will be kind enough to look into the matter for me.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Professor of Sociology

CHP:mef

Encl.

cc: Edward Howden

July 6, 1956

Mrs. Robert Bittencourt
32 Tacoma Street
San Francisco 18, California

Dear Mrs. Bittencourt:

Thank you for your note of May 21, which was sent to Television Station KRON-TV, forwarded by them to the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, and by them to us here in Atlanta. Hence the delay in an answer.

You asked about two things:

1. What is the possibility of your joining such an organization in the Bay Area? The answer is the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity at 437 Market Street in San Francisco.

2. Further information about our work in the South. I am enclosing two recent issues of our magazine, New South, and a brief history of the Council itself.

Take faith, for democracy is not dead in the Southern region. True, it has been asleep for lo, these many years. Yet there are stirrings and awakenings across the South that are significant. Indeed, the rate of progress toward desegregation has startled the standpatters and the pro-segregationists. It is important to know that there is no solid South of race relations; that already four of the States are in the process of desegregation of public schools - Oklahoma, Kentucky, Arkansas and Texas; and that four more are not in open defiance of the Supreme Court decision - Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and Florida. That leaves only five recalcitrant States - Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina and Mississippi. Yet even in these five, there are many people of good will who seek to bring about compliance with the Supreme Court decision, who believe in the basic equality of man, and who work for a recognition of the h[illegible] of all. Because there are such people in growing numbers, ther[illegible] for the future.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

July 6, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The staff of the Southern Regional Council, on the basis of such information and review as were available to it, is now disposed to recommend to the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council (which meets July 20-21) that in the coming fiscal year, beginning October 1, 1957, further payments be not made toward the support of the present operation of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations.

We would base this recommendation principally upon the difficulty which the Mississippi Council on Human Relations appears to have had in operating harmoniously as a Board and representatively through its officers and Executive Committee. Some contention has also been reported as between the staff and the volunteer officers from time to time in the Mississippi Council on Human Relations.

We, and doubtless the SRC Executive Committee, would be greatly interested in any concerted recommendation and program proposals which the Board of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations might make to the Southern Regional Council. If, therefore, you care to convene a meeting of the Board, or of its Executive Committee, through a vice-chairman, or otherwise, and give us your advice some days prior to July 20th, all here would be most receptive.

Our own ideas as to what sort of operation Mississippi would wish to continue in the event that the present subsidy is withdrawn are necessarily unformed. We would be hopeful that you would wish to continue as a volunteer body.

And in all circumstances our warm friendship is at your command.

GSM/eab

July 6, 1956

Mrs. James D. Wyker
Rural Route # 2
Mt. Vernon, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Wyker:

When I was in New York some days ago, I found that you will spend some time in the South working with your Church women in the field of race relations. On October 30-31 of this year, we will have here in Atlanta a meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned, Southern Church women concerned about what is happening in our South. The Fellowship of the Concerned is composed of the women leadership of the various denominations in our Southern States and we come together whenever there are problems to be faced. This will be our third coming-together on the Supreme Court decision on schools. This time it will be more or less a workshop on techniques. Please look over your calendar and see if you won't find it possible to be with us. Miss Esther Stamats will be here. Thelma Stevens and others that you know are also coming. Meantime, if you will give me a list of women of your Church who hold a State office in Christian Social Relations in the following States, I would be most appreciative: Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Kentucky. We will send invitations to these women and will let them know we have some funds for their transportation and entertainment. Our group is always interracial and interfaith, and out of these meetings have come some programs of action that have made life better in our South.

Sincerely hoping you will find it possible to be with us, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

P. S. If you are coming to Atlanta any time soon, I hope I will be in the office. Unfortunately, I am away a great deal.

July 6, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

Every once in a while something comes into the office which we think should be of particular interest to you. Here is such an item from our Louisiana group.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Encl.

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July 6, 1956

Mrs. George W. Carter
2021 Louisiana Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Ruth Carter:

Your letter has just been received, and as I am leaving for another school, I want you to know that it's a good boost for the coming week.

The experience at Gulfside was very delightful and I was rather flattered that you were in my class. You have done good work in your Jurisdiction and I know now that your efforts are to be largely in New Orleans, some of your dreams for the city will become realities.

With love and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

July 6, 1956

Mrs. Martha Gerrard
207 East Sheridan Place
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Gerrard:

Surely you know people in Knoxville with whom to be in touch. If not, I suggest Mrs. Neal Spahr at 924 Temple Avenue, or a Mrs. (Teddy) Wilcox (husband at UT). The Unitarian people could put you in touch with her.

In Nashville Mrs. James M. Todd, at 1489 Clairmont Avenue, is knowledgeable about the quite extensive and purely local effort which Nashville people have been making. Quite promising. Mrs. Todd is also presently Acting President of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations which for the moment has no professional staff, but keeps alive with an office, which is at 2005 Grand Avenue.

For Memphis, I myself would begin by getting in touch with President Hollis Price at LeMoyne College. There are special groups in Memphis, ranging all the way from the excessively timid to the nobly brave.

And it makes a difference where you speir.

For Kentucky, cities such as Lexington and Louisville. Get in touch with Galen Martin, Executive Director of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, whose office is at 208 West Main Street in Frankfort, telephone 3-1419.

In Asheville, North Carolina, there is a group centered around a Mrs. Fabrick (Mrs. Arthur Fabrick) at 26 Canterbury Road. Don't think they have gone very far yet, but they are thinking pretty far.

Otherwise, if it will encourage you, good groups are active in Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke, Charlotte, Greensboro, Houston, Dallas, Little Rock, and other cities that I don't happen to know about.

I have been to Oak Ridge and I must have said, in your presence, what little I know. It boils down to having a group, not needfully large, of white and Negro persons who are accustomed to meeting together, and who have together found the exact local facts about the schools.

Such a group, working underneath, while law and order work from above, accomplishes the change.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 6, 1956

Mr. Shirley E. Greene
3494 N. High Street
National Religion and Labor Foundation
Columbus 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Greene:

I praise greatly your "Christian Conscience and Farm Policy" in Economic Justice.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 6, 1956

Mr. David F. Freeman
Vice President
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

Take up the idea of a meeting first.

I suggest that the Southern Regional Council call the meeting. It is our business to do so in any case. We will be much pinched next fiscal year for central office administrative money, and we would not like to undertake covering the expenses of those who might come. Neither do we wish to ask the Fund for the Republic for anything additional to us to cover. I rather think though that if we wrote the various agencies involved and told them Frank Loescher would be here, they would send people anyway and out of their own appropriations.

As to a date.

Many of the persons involved are ministers, and the week-end is therefore out. I suggest Wednesday, September 19th. But the date could be fixed later. Maybe it will have to be fixed when you have actual access to Loescher's calendar. But for the time being the 19th would seem suitable.

When you have considered this counter proposal, and if you are willing for us so to call a meeting, we will.

Now for Mr. Lubell.

I quarrel with that word "moderate." Sit down for a minute with yourself and define a moderate Southern position. It can hardly be anything less than intention to uphold the Supreme Court decision. No respected Negro person will ask for anything less than that. The positions of Benjamin Mays and Cecil Sims, in the pamphlet which you helped get printed, "Three Views of the Segregation Decision," are about as good as one could get toward a moderate stand on either side.

And I worry about that phrase in the quote from Lubell "Likely to hold back the betterment of relations very considerably." As I tried to show in the Quarterly Report for January, February, and March, 1956, what is occurring is that the Negro ambition builds up to a saltation not a minute advance. And those are conservatives who oppose the saltation and offer the minute advance. Sure there is a strain as the demand for the saltation grows. But I would not say that strain with growth within it is worse as race relations.

The thing to do is to get the local people white and Negro working together at local problems. People will concede in their own community with their own friends things which as abstractions they would balk at. And there is a growing disposition now to find some way to work it out "in this town."

Our friend, Mr. Ziegler, will have told you that I had difficulty in coming to an adjustment to his point of view. Again it is the question of saltation. I am helped in the whole matter by the trade union analogy. Every now and then there comes a time when a body of employed persons can by sticking together get some outstanding boon. Three dollars an hour, or a six-hour day. I don't mean just wring it out of the boss' hide, I mean deserve it out of increased productivity. At which point your moderates step in and say "Why ask for so much?". "Be moderate!"

It is the same in both situations. Argument and deep local acquaintance with the facts will produce solution. If no argument and no deep local acquaintance with the facts; contention, strain, strike, misery.

In these thing no encouragement, but they are what I think are right.

Howsomever: television programs could do some good. Two kinds of program that would help:

(1) Biggish names, white and Negro, discussing the general matter in such terms as Sims and Mays used. Generally helpful, but not greatly so.

(2) Quite local programs if arrangeable, featuring local people, white and Negro. Hard to arrange because the stations just don't get up nerve to use Negro speakers, and the prominent local white people know that they will get nasty telephone calls, etc. Anyhow, the real thing to do locally is to get local people to confer <u>in person</u> on how to work out school desegregation. The fewer cameras in such meetings the better. But I can see room for announcement TV-wise of the results of a series of such off-the-record meetings.

All I can see.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 6, 1956

Mr. O. Harmon Cooter
Persia,
Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cooter:

We have long had an ambition to get going in each of the Southern states a strong state-rooted private agency working in the field of race relations. In 1954, we obtained a goodish grant from the Fund for the Republic, an independent foundation set up by the Ford Foundation. And beginning in the latter months of 1954 or early 1955 we got going in each of twelve states an organization usually called the Alabama Council on Human Relations or, in your case, the Tennessee Council on Human Relations.

The Tennessee one has faltered a little. It began with a good program which it continues. Consultants variously placed over the state were used to interview local citizens and school officials with a view to getting locality discussion of the issues which would be involved in complying with the Supreme Court's decision. But the Tennessee Council on Human Relations did not establish strong central management.

Quite lately, it has moved its office to Nashville, where the temporary (and volunteer) chairman is Mrs. James M. Todd, 2005 Grand Avenue. They are seeking suitable staff persons to manage their program.

Tennessee, as you will understand, is generally considered a difficult state in which to get going a state-wide voluntary agency, and we think that things are pursuing their normal course. But the Tennessee Council on Human Relations has some able supporters. If you like what you learn of it, get in touch with Mrs. Todd.

I send an extensively revised version of the pamphlet which you liked in 1953. I am sorry that the map at the back is ill printed; we did a better one later, but they are all exhausted; and a new printing has not yet come. But the text is valuable.

The leaflet enclosed will explain that the Southern Regional Council itself no longer has members; we ask people to join the appropriate state group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: SRC Promotion leaflet

Under Separate Cover:
Answers for Action
New South, October '54

CC: RHA

July 6, 1956

Mr. J. T. McCain, Associate Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr. McCain:

I am pleased that you are going to undertake the suffrage survey for South Carolina. I will notify Mrs. Alexander of this office about the arrangement beginning August 1. We will count on paying your salary out of SRC fact-finding funds for the month of August and such further period as you advise. I am enclosing copies of a voucher form on which you may report your travel and other expenses in connection with the suffrage project.

July 23rd appears to be a perfectly satisfactory time for us to get together here. I shall look for you then unless I hear otherwise.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

July 6, 1956

Mr. Alexander Heard
University of North Carolina
Department of Political Science
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Alex:

Many thanks for passing along the information from Mr. Fortenberry. His findings sound almost to good to be true, assuming that we will be permitted to use them. As it happens I am still trying to pin down the right man for Mississippi; this information, if available should greatly simplify his job.

I am glad that Sol Sutker had a chance to talk with you. I think he is a good man and will do a creditable job.

Nick Demerath will be here Monday and I expect to have a fruitful discussion with him about our various fact-finding enterprises.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 6, 1956

Dr. Preston Valien
Department of Sociology
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Valien:

Mr. William Gordon, Managing Editor of the Atlanta Daily World, is going to spend a few days in Tallahassee soon examining the circumstances of the bus boycott in that city. We expect to publish his analysis of the situation as an article in New South.

It occurred to me that, as a by-product of his investigation, he may turn up some information which would contribute to your study of the non-violent resistance technique.

If this is the case, please feel free to address any questions or suggestions you wish to Mr. Gordon at 210 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta. On the other hand, if this sort of informational inquiry is not appropriate for your purposes, feel free to ignore this suggestion.

I have mentioned this possibility to Mr. Gordon, and he has expressed his willingness to cooperate in any way that he can.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 6, 1956

Dr. Lewis M. Killian
The Florida State University
Department of Sociology
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Lew:

I was glad to get your letter and to learn that you and Steve Roady are making good progress on the suffrage survey. Your method of estimating the number of actual voters by race is probably the best we will find for most states.

We have already run into the question of fees charged by county officials for compiling information. This is most certainly a legitimate expense of the project. The disbursement has been handled in other states exactly as other expenses - that is, the project consultants have paid the fees themselves and have reported the expense on their vouchers. If this arrangement is satisfactory to you, by all means proceed. Otherwise, let me know and we will work it out in any way you wish.

I am sending you separately ten copies of the June New South. There will, of course, be no charge. Your article was a great asset and I am sure it impressed a lot of our readers.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 6, 1956

Mr. John H. Fenton
Tulane University
Department of Political Science
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Mr. Fenton:

Thank you for your letter and the encouraging report on your progress. There is no great rush about the data, but I would like to have it within the next few weeks at your convenience. This will enable us to begin the statistical analysis for those states where the registration data are available before the end of the fact-finding project.

Enclosed is a check for the fees and expenses reported by vouchers.

I hope soon to send out a general bulletin on the voting study, summarizing various progress reports, problems, and suggestions as have come in from the several state consultants.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

July 7, 1956

Mr. G. Ross Freeman
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Freeman:

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But I will show at Emory in the early morning of the 19th and could come back any needed part of the afternoon of the 19th. Can you be a little more definite about the schedule?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc for GSM to take home

July 7, 1956

Mr. Lewis Jones
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

The first time I am around for any reasonable time is Monday and Tuesday July 23rd and 24th. I am also around Monday the 30th and Tuesday the 31st of July. Love to see you if you came over either of those times.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 7, 1956

Mr. A. W. Dent
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dent:

I passed on to Harold Fleming the matter you raised about the first edition of this leaflet. And it has been revised in a new do as enclosed.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: "The Southern Regional Council: A brief account of its origins and aims"

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July 7, 1956

Reverend Francis J. Schenk
St. Mary's Church
Sylva, North Carolina

Dear Father Schenk:

Most kind of you, and I will do everything possible to work it out.

What I had, and that weeks ago, from Bishop Waters' Chancery was that I would speak at Our Lady of the Hills Camp at Hendersonville at 3:00 p.m., on July 17th.

I assume Bishop Waters will be through with me at the close of that afternoon. The speech he wants runs about forty minutes. I should think I could plan to be leaving Hendersonville by about 5:00 p.m., July 17th.

'Tis a windey road over to Sylva, but I expect I could get to Sylva by some reasonable time Tuesday evening July 17th. Say 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. That would mean you would have to find me a bed for Tuesday night, and on Wednesday morning I will drive on back into Atlanta. Certainly no fee, but our Council would be grateful if you could cover, at my modest 5¢ a mile, the small extra mileage involved and could find me a place to sleep that night.

I trust you understand that I am a non-Catholic; though much honored by Bishop Waters' kind use of me for this appearance or that.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 9, 1956

Miss Molly O'Steen
National Conference of Methodist Youth
Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Miss O'Steen:

Thank you for your letter of July 5th concerning Southern Regional Council. Under separate cover we are sending you informational folders on the Council and its work.

We are also sending you a sample copy of Changing Patterns in the New South which sells for 25¢ per copy, a copy of What The Supreme Court Said which sells for 10¢ and several copies of our monthly publication New South which is $2 a year or 20¢ per copy. Also in the package is included a pamphlet by the Council published in cooperation with the Southern Historical Association.

If we can be of additional help to you, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

July 9, 1956

Miss Margaret C. McCulloch
Integration Service, Inc.
749 Walker Avenue
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCulloch:

The most I had in mind was that possibly the young man who was leaving the old Southern Tenant Farmers Union might be considered by our Tennessee Council on Human Relations to be suitable material to pick up the job as Executive Director of the TCHR. I proposed that to the proper people, and nothing occurred. We are very careful not to suggest to our state groups whom they should employ; though we have a reserve veto power after they make proposals.

Mrs. James M. Todd in Nashville, at 1489 Clairmont Place, is the volunteer President of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. They have an office, clerically staffed only, at 2005 Grand Avenue. They are hunting for a Director.

I acknowledge my lapse, but I had no helpful news, so I gave none.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 10, 1956

(Dictated July 9th)

Mr. Boris Shiskin
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Boris:

Do stay behind SRC's hoped for five thousand. We are getting to the weeks where we quite badly need it.

For a sweetener, I enclose a copy of a letter in today from Jimmy Wolfe in Kentucky.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: cc ltr from James Wolfe
dtd 7/6/56

July 10, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Here's another Vastine Report. Fred and I conferred today and finally got off another letter answering Mrs. Boyle's back in June.

Thank you for Norfolk clipping, which profitable.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls: Vastine Report
cc: ltr to Carroll Brooke
dtd 7/10/56

Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

July 10, 1956

Mr. W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

Mrs. Boyle wrote me under your and Jack Marion's encouragement June 17th. My apologies for letting the thing bat about here this long.

You will have heard various of us talking about the deal of consultants used in Kentucky and Tennessee (in each of those state organizations). They found in various institutions, mostly state teachers colleges, scattered over the state, white, and in most instances, Negro personages who would be available to go out and to do interviewing in the interest of the program of the state show (including particularly public school desegregation) as might be agreed upon. I don't know exactly how much they have gone out. I would suppose that the better ones have been using two, three, or five days a month.

They get a fee, usually of $20.00 a day actual, plus expenses for their rooms. They are local people already rooted, and they are listened to respectfully by their environs. Sometimes a team of consultants work together; a white man and a Negro man. No objection to a good number of the consultants being white; perfectly natural geographically, Virginia being what it is. But at the same time this office would prefer that a good sprinkling among the consultants be Negro; Petersburg, Hampton, Virginia Union, and maybe Laurenceville may have somebody. I think Kentucky has about twelve of these guys, and Tennessee maybe ten. The state outfits budgets for the use of consultants and employ them accordingly. Occasionally the consultants are fetched together mutually to plan.

This gives you all the advantage of the Sarah Patton Boyle arrangement for going out and seeing people. And it makes it systematic and responsible and possibly complete in its coverage. In Kentucky and Tennessee the consultants began to comb through the more likely counties. And they stirred up discussion and interest which is quite obviously living and growing today.

Now, as to where you would find the money. Our only reason for holding rather stringently to the view that you should have an associate, is that we wanted integration in the staff. If you get an integrated staff of consultants we are happy. Maybe you would work it around so that in the coming fiscal year, beginning October 1, you put a good deal of your money on these consultants.

We aren't quite ready yet, and can't be until our Executive Committee meets later this month, to make you a firm offer for next year. But we rather think it will come out at enough to pay a full-time state director, and maybe another four or five thousand. That's a bit optimistic but we will be optimistic.

We suggest that the Virginia Board and staff make up their minds what they would like to do in the coming year. As always you will find us flexible.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. Mrs. Boyle thought that maybe Virginia ought to go to the Fund for the Republic and ask for some money. I don't think you would have any luck. But we give you every encouragement to apply to any other foundation in this good green earth for any money you can get.

cc: Mr. John H. Marion
Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle

July 10, 1956

Mr. H. S. Brown
Educational Director
Texas State Federation of Labor
412 Littlefield Building
Austin 15, Texas

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am coming for sure, and will be on hand August 27th -August 31st, and probably the evening of August 26th. Will look up the planes in a few days and will then write you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

July 10, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

The Texas State Federation of Labor, through Hank Brown, has a Workers' Education Institute August 27-31 at Lake Travis Lodges, twenty miles from Austin. They have wired me to come down, and of course I will go.

I am now giving you advance notice that I will be in your hair and thereabouts those days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

July 10, 1956

Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle
Box 3183
University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Boyle:

There's not much bureaucracy in me, but what little is left made me write this to Carroll. Would it work? If you have got other good ideas, call me up, or I will try to get to your part of the world, but when I can is hard to say.

Your long and helpful report as a consultant I commented on in a letter to Jack Marion a week or ten days ago.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Encl:

July 10, 1956

Reverend William M. Kirkland
St. Stephens Episcopal Church
Milledgeville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Kirkland:

Since Dr. Mitchell is out of town, I have been asked to answer your letter of July 9th concerning the NAACP.

I am mailing you two reprints of articles concerning the NAACP, one from the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel and the other from The Christian Century. Hope they will be of help.

In addition, there is a new pamphlet put out by the NAACP called An American Organization which answers charges against the NAACP quite well. Unfortunately we only have one copy of this pamphlet and cannot let it out of the office. However, we have requested an additional supply of these pamphlets and I will mail you one when we receive them.

If there is any additional information we can supply, please donot hesitate to write us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo
Encs.

July 10, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I do greatly appreciate all you did in straightening out things for the Unitarians. I am sure it was most touchy. All praises!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 10, 1956

Mr. Galen Martin
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

I think I send you a copy of Jimmy Wolfe's pamphlet, Let George Do It, with the nice pictures. But, precautionarily, I send you another. Jimmy Wolfe has a Cornell trained girl assistant who does the fancy pictures.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence
Encl:

July 10, 1956

Mr. James E. Wolfe
Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Jimmy:

Your kind letter of July 6th is balm to my soul. So few people want what I do.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

GSM/eab

Copy: GSA

Same letter sent to:
Mr. Guy Johnson
Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Rev. W. Carroll Brooke

July 11, 1956

Mr. I. H. Burney
Afro-American Life Insurance Company
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Burney:

The Southern Regional Council By-laws require a meeting of the Nominating Committee "at least 30 days before the annual meeting." The annual meeting is scheduled for November 14, 1956.

We are polling members of the Nominating Committee in order to find a date most convenient to all or most of the members. We are suggesting the following dates:

Tuesday - August 28
Friday - August 31
Monday - September 17
Tuesday - September 18

Please let us have your preference on any of the above dates, or any other date that you may suggest.

Your committee will have to nominate a slate of officers for the Council and at least four new board members. Mr. Marion A. Wright, President of the Council, has requested that he not be considered for reelection. This means that the Committee has the important job of selecting a successor to Mr. Wright.

We are enclosing a list of the current members of the board.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Encl. - Board of Directors, List of

July 11, 1956

Mr. Harry Roberts
Department of Sociology
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I was glad to receive your last letter and to have your telephone call which followed shortly.

I hope I dealt with your questions satisfactorily in our conversation. If not, come back at me again.

I am enclosing voucher forms which may be used in reporting expenses and fees.

I am told that an excellent analysis of the vote, by race, on the Gray amendment appeared in the May issue of Social Forces, the journal of the Institute for Research in Social Science at the University of North Carolina. If you have not seen it, you might want to look it up.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

July 11, 1956

Dr. Tilman C. Cothran
Department of Sociology
Agricultural, Mechanical and Normal College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Cothran:

Thank you for your letter with its encouraging report on the progress of your voting study. Your arrangement with persons assisting you is perfectly satisfactory.

When you have the complete county by county data on registration, I would appreciate it if you would send it on to me in advance of your complete report. This will enable us to begin the statistical analysis somewhat before September.

I am enclosing ~~a~~ checks for the vouchers which you forwarded and am sending you some additional voucher forms.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

MEMORANDUM

July 12, 1956

To: GSM

From: HCF

Mr. Hudson of the Internal Revenue Service requested a copy of every piece of material we distributed during 1954-1955; he specifically wanted mimeographed as well as printed matter. We collected for him the items shown below. He then amplified his request to include all bulletins, memoranda, and the like which we have distributed to the affiliated state organizations. These have been collected and are listed by date and subject (if any) on the attached sheet.

New South - all issues in 1954 - 1955
Changing Patterns in the New South
Promotion leaflet, "South of the Future"
Race and Law Enforcement
SRC Newsletter - all issues in 1954 & 1955
Mimeographed news releases - all in 1954 & 1955
Answers for Action: Schools in the South
Questions & Answers: The Schools & the Courts
Christian Conscience & the Supreme Court Decisions on Segregated Schools, by Mrs. M. E. Tilly
The Negro and the Schools, Ashmore
Schools in Transition, Williams & Ryan
Public Education in the South, Griffin & Swanson
The Strange Career of Jim Crow
Pamphlet on Baltimore school in integration
Pamphlet - "The Right of Every Child" (AFSC)
Now Is the Time, Lillian Smith
Employment on Merit (AFSC pamphlet)
A Memo on School Integration (mimeo'd)
Business Week reprint on Negro in Economy
2 mimeo'd summaries of school integration in St. Louis - one by League of Women Voters and one by Supt. of Schools
Greenville's Big Idea Grows
Open Occupancy Housing

HCF:mbo
Attached list

1954

April 10, 1954 - Memorandum #1
From GSM
To Officers of State Divisions & Affiliated or Cooperating Committees (copy to Board of SRC)

May 11, 1954 - Memorandum #2
From GSM
To Chairman of State Divisions or Affiliates in Cooperating Communities

June 8, 1954 - Memorandum #3
From GSM
To Chairmen of State Divisions of the SRC

September 2, 1954- Memorandum #4 Re: By-Laws
From GSM
To Chairmen of State Divisions of the SRC

September 21,1954- Memorandum #5 Re: Plan for Financing of State Organizations
From Katherine Stoney
To Chairmen and Staff of State Organizations

September 23,1954- Memorandum #6
From GSM
To Chairmen of State Divisions or Affiliates in Cooperating Communities and Executive Secretaries

November 19, 1954- From Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
To Executives of State Organizations Affiliated with SRC
Re: Copies of SRC publications and other material available for reference and use

November 24, 1954- Memorandum #7 Re: Tax Exemption
From GSM
To Executive Secretaries of State Organizations affiliated with SRC

November 24, 1954 -Memorandum #8 Re: Publications
From GSM
To Executive Secretaries of State Organizations

November 24, 1954- Memorandum #9 Re: Finances
From GSM
To Executive Secretaries of State Organizations

December 10, 1954 -From Frederick B. Routh
To Chairmen & Executive Secretaries of State Organizations
Re: "The Grass Roots League"

December 13, 1954- Re: Development of State Programs
From GSM

1955

January 3, 1955 - From Grace T. Hamilton
To Executive Board of the Tennessee Council
Re: Memo on program development
SRC publications

January 5, 1955 - From Frederick B. Routh
To State Chairmen
Re: Article VI of suggested by-laws

Form to be completed by each state chairman upon initial employment of personnel - re loyalty

Form for completion by each affiliated state organization- certifying that said organization has not engaged in carrying on propaganda, etc.

January 10, 1955 - From GSM
To All Virginia Members of SRC
Re: Organization of Virginia Council

February 22, 1955 - From GSM
Re: NAIRO

March 1, 1955 - From Grace T. Hamilton
To Staff and Board of State organizations
Re: SRC publications - and increased efforts to enlarge the audience of New South.

April 4, 1956 - From Grace T. Hamilton
To Executives of State Organizations
Re: Release from President's Committee on Government Contracts

May 12, 1955 - From Grade T. Hamilton
To Professional staff of State Organizations & Kentucky Consultants
Re: "St. Louis Story"

May 16, 1955 - From Frederick B. Routh
To state professional staff
Re: Semi-annual State Professional Staff Meeting

May 18, 1955 - From Grace T. Hamilton
To State organizations
Re: State Conference activities - White House Conference on Education

May 25, 1956 - From GSM
To Chairmen of State organizations
Re: Anticipated Supreme Court decision

June 8, 1955 - From Frederick B. Routh
To Executive Directors of state organizations
Re: Fisk Institute on Race Relations

June 17, 1955 - From Frederick B. Routh
To: All state executive directors
Re: Film And So They Grow

1955 - Continued

June 22, 1955 - From Frederick B. Routh
To All state executives
Re: List of Key people (Fund for the Republic)

June 27, 1955 - From Harold C. Fleming
To Staff of state organizations
Re: Newspapers receiving New South and AP Bureaus

July 7, 1955 - From Frederick B. Routh
To All chairmen of State Organizations
Re: Board of Directors membership

July 19, 1955 - From Frederick B. Routh
To State executive directors
Re: State Board of Directors

July 23, 1956 - From GSM
To State Board Chairmen
Re: Evaluation of resources within each state for carrying out the purposes of the SRC

August 22, 1955 - From GSM
To State Directors
Re: Resolution passed at Mammoth Cave meeting by Executive Committee

September 22, 1955- From HCF
To Staff of state affiliates
Re: Publications - Report of the FFR and Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools

October 3, 1955 - From FBR
To All state chairmen and Executive directors
Re: Annual audit

October 7, 1955 - From Irene Osborne
To Executive Directors
Re: My visits in the field

October 20, 1955 - From FBR
To state executive directors
Re: Annual meeting at Tuskegee Institute November 9th

November 11, 1955 - From HCF
To Members of the Board of SRC
Re: Attack on members of SRC by New York Journal American

December 1, 1955 - From HCF
To Directors of affiliated state organizations
Re: Attacks by Attorney General Eugene Cook and Hearst newspapers

From HCF
To Directors of state organizations
Re: Summary History and Aims of the SRC

From FHR
To All State executive directors
Re: Books for Office Library

SRC Newsletters

April 15, 1955	Vol. I, No. 1
May 15, 1955	Vol. I, No. 2
June 15, 1955	Vol. 1 No. 3
July 15, 1955	Vol. 1 No. 4
November 1, 1955	Vol. 2 No. 1
December 1, 1955	Vol. 2 No. 2

July 12, 1956

Mr. Maxwell M. Rabb
Secretary to the Cabinet
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rabb:

Thank you for your kind note of July 9th.

I plan to arrive in Washington in mid-afternoon of this coming Monday, July 16th, and I will call your secretary at that time. I will hope to see you at whatever time is convenient on Tuesday. Nothing would suit me better than lunch on Tuesday, if you are free.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 12, 1956

Mr. Zechariah Chafee, Jr.
J. B. Lippincott Company
E. Washington Square
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Chafee:

Your book The Blessings of Liberty is most interesting. A copy of it has been passed on to me here at the Southern Regional Council.

However, there is one item to which I wish to call your attention. It is the statement on page 30 - "The Georgia Board of Education allows local school authorities to revoke, perhaps for life, the license of any teacher who supports the idea of non-segregated schools or agrees to teach in such a school." It is true the Georgia Board of Education did pass such a resolution but this resolution was later rescinded. The original purpose of this resolution can still be carried out by not renewing a contract of a teacher who supports integration, but the local school boards in themselves cannot revoke teachers' licenses. Enclosed is a copy of a news article describing the rescinding of the resolution.

A minor detail in an excellent book to be sure, but I thought I would just pass this along for the record in case there are any additional editions of the book.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo
Enc.

Same letter sent: Mr. Carter Wesley (AIR)
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Paul D. Williams (AIR)

Copy: GSA

July 12, 1956

Mr. John A. Griffin
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

So far we have not heard from you in regards to your being able to attend the Executive Committee meeting at Frogmore, South Carolina on July 20-21, 1956. Please let us hear from you.

We do hope that you will find time to attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

July 13, 1956

AIR MAIL

Reverend Francis J. Schenk
St. Mary's Church
Sylva, North Carolina

Dear Father Schenk:

Even if at the last minute you need to get word to me at Hendersonville at Our Lady of the Hills Camp on Tuesday, July 17th, that will be all right, and I will still come on over to Sylva. And no need to have a crowd; I am as happy with five as with fifty.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 13, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-second Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

Delighted to be an ersatz Loescher, if that is possible.

First, as to "The Angry South," I have reread it and confirm my earlier impression that it is a solid piece of work. We would gladly distribute a couple thousand of them; furthermore, if you have a large number, I should think that any of the Fund's grantees would be glad to have a supply.

We very much want to get The Negro Potential into the hands of some of the more receptive economic leaders in the South. If you will send us some copies, we will see that that is done. I do not know what quantity you are prepared to consider, but we can make good use of as many as five hundred copies.

The Alistair Cooke series is a puzzling piece of work. It is shot through with streaks of prejudice and pettiness which I am at a loss to understand. In any case, it is my feeling that his serious lapses in good taste and good judgment disqualifying his articles as constructive informational material. A pity, because some passages are quite good.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

cc: Art Levin

July 13, 1956

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti- Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Your letter, with the check covering my expenses to the Oklahoma Conference, came while I was away on a trip and unfortunately got filed with the financial papers. I hasten to write you with sincere thanks for your promptness in sending this through and with regrets for my tardiness in acknowledging it.

Thanks once more.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

July 13, 1956

Miss Nina Cullinan
3694 Willowick Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Miss Cullinan:

Mr. Charles A. Shaw, at the Watchtower Life Insurance Company, is a member of the Board of Directors of our Southern Regional Council. He and we would like you to know more about the Council.

At his suggestion, I will send you every now and then either our maggie New South, or some other publication from us in this general field.

The Southern Regional Council is an old-established and responsible agency working for better understanding between the races in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
"The Southern Regional Council: A Brief Account of its Origins and Aims"
Changing Patterns in the New South
New South, March, April, May, 1956
"The South of the Future"

July 13, 1956

General Maurice Hirsch
Niels Esperson Building
Houston, Texas

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57 Briar Hollow Lane
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Changing Patterns in the New South
New South, March, April, May, 1956
"The South of the Future"

July 13, 1956

Mr. Max Levine, President
Foley's Department Store
1110 Main Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Levine:

Mr. Charles A Shaw, at the Watchtower Life Insurance Company, is a member of the Board of Directors of our Southern Regional Council. He and we would like you to know more about the Council.

At his suggestion, I will send you every now and then either our maggie New South, or some other publication from us in this general field.

The Southern Regional Council is an old-established and responsible agency working for better understanding between the races in the South.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Kloppe:

The February 1 Newsletter spoke of Arna Bontemps' book. I send you ours for your quickest reading. Get it back and we will send it to the Tennessee Council and on down the line. Extraordinary commendation will be meted out to that state office that reads the book the fastest and gives it back the quickest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
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Arna Bontemps' Story of the Negro

July 16, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

You can write to the others in Kentucky. They weren't in my class this year, but some of them were in my class last year, or the year before.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have reviewed your letter of July 5th and the enclosed memorandum regarding the affiliation of the Dade County Council on Human Relations with the Florida Council. We believe the agreement to be a fair one. We would prefer, of course, that each member of the Dade County Council, as they become members of the Florida Council, would become New South subscribers. We believe that an earnest effort on the part of both groups to push this is necessary.

There is one thing upon which we have been insistent with any group affiliating itself with the Southern Regional Council or one of its state affiliates, and that is that they insert in their by-laws the same statement contained in the by-laws of the Southern Regional Council and its state organizations:

> "No substantial part of the activities shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or engaging in any form of political activity."

Furthermore, the by-laws and any amendments to the by-laws of the Dade County Council or any other affiliate of the Florida Council must be subject to the approval of the Florida Council on Human Relations, and must be compatible with the by-laws of the Southern Regional Council. We here would expect to be consulted.

We are glad that you have been able to add this substantial number of dedicated people to your ranks, and trust that together you will help bring about more rapid compliance with the Supreme Court decision in Florida.

Any arrangement with the Dade County Council, less than inclusive integral membership in the Florida Council on Human Relations, in our view, affords no tax-exemption or prospect of tax-exemption to the Dade County Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

FILE COPY, INCOMING, AND PREVIOUS CORRES. CIRCULATED TO:
HCF
FBR

July 16, 1956

Mr. Fred Fuges
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Fred Fuges:

You wrote me July 9th.

No way we can help on money. While our grant has been generous, it is all budgeted out into getting twelve state outfits going.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1956

FBR:

Suggest that the new Texas address be got out in your next Newsletter.

eab/

July 16, 1956

Mr. Jack Knight
Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers
1840 California Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Knight:

At the time the leaflet came out with your statement on racial matters within the Oil Workers' Union, I was in correspondence with George Guernsey, and suggested to George that our Southern Regional Council could usefully get out up to 2,000 copies of the statement. That was in June. George now writes me July 12th that I should address you directly for copies of the statement.

I would still like to get out as many up to 2,000 as you can spare.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 16, 1956

Mr. Benjamin Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mays:

This is a request to you as an "in-law" to the CME Church.

From July 31 until August 3, there will be at Clark College a leadership meeting of the women of the CME Church. On Thursday, August 2, there is to be a panel to help face: 1/ Family Life, including Juvenile Delinquency. 2/ Election Issues. 3/ Segregation. Following the panel, we would like to have those who participate in the panel to lead small groups in further discussion of the subject to which they have been assigned; then have those groups come together to share anything that might have come out of the groups. The afternoon program would run from about 2:00 until 5:00.

We hope it will be entirely possible for you to be the speaker on Segregation. We feel that you will be a most important part of the program and most important for the leadership of this Church. You would certainly be rendering a great service and we will be more than grateful if you find it possible to take this assignment.

I would appreciate hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

July 16, 1956

Mr. William Gordon, Managing Editor
Atlanta Daily World
210 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I have tried to get you by telephone to make this request of you, and have failed.

The Methodist Church is sponsoring a leadership conference with the Negro women leaders of the Christian Methodist Church, July 31 - August 3, at Clark College.

On Thursday, August 2, there is to be a panel to help face: 1/ Family Life, including Juvenile Delinquency. 2/ Election Issues. 3/ Segregation. Following the panel we would like to have those who participate in the panel to lead small groups in further discussion of the subject to which they have been assigned; then have those groups come together to share anything that might have come out of the groups. The afternoon program would run from about 2:00 until 5:00.

We hope it will be entirely possible for you to be the speaker on Election Issues. We feel that you will be a most important part of the program and most important for the leadership of this Church. You would certainly be rendering a great service and we will be more than grateful if you find it possible to take this assignment.

I would appreciate hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

July 16, 1956

Miss Celestine Sibley
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Sibley:

I have tried to get you by telephone to make this request of you, and have failed.

The Methodist Church is sponsoring a leadership conference with the Negro women leaders of the Christian Methodist Church, July 31-August 3, at Clark College.

On Thursday, August 2, there is to be a panel to help face: 1/ Family Life, including juvenile delinquency. 2/ Election issues. 3/ Segregation. Following the panel they would like to have those who participate in the panel to lead small groups in further discussion of the subject to which they have been assigned; then have those groups come together to share anything that might have come out of the groups. The afternoon program would run from about 2:00 until 5:00.

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You would certainly be rendering a great service and we will be more than grateful if you can find it possible to take this assignment. I would appreciate hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

AIR MAIL

July 16, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

The following persons are planning to attend the Executive Committee Meeting:

Mr. George S. Mitchell, wife and daughter
Rev. Duncan Hunter, wife and two small daughters
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Dabbs
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander
Father Maurice V. Shean
Mr. Paul Christopher
Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Mr. Harold Fleming
Mr. Fred Routh
Mr. John Constable
Mr. C. H. Parrish
Mr. G. S. Alexander

All of these persons plan to arrive at Frogmore before noon on Friday (July 20). These people will want to have lunch at the Center.

There may be one or two more persons who will come to the meeting.

Mr. Brazeal and possibly two others will fly into Charleston from Atlanta on Friday morning via Delta Air Lines' Flight # 470, arriving at 9:11 A. M. They desire to be met by someone. We hope that you can make arrangements to take care of this for us since the other persons from Atlanta will drive to Frogmore. They will not be coming through Charleston. If you cannot make arrangements to meet them, please call us collect (WAlnut 7963).

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

M E M O R A N D U M

July 16, 1956

TO: GEM

FROM: HCF

RE: Attached letter from Charles E. Higbie

We have little in print that deals directly with press handling of civil rights. Race in the News comes readily to mind but it is way out of date.

We have followed newspaper practices in a general way, of course, and we have several thousand clippings which could be used in evaluating such reporting. The Southern Education Reporting Service has some thousands more.

As they proceed with the study, perhaps we could help by setting down our own observations.

If you want me to write him about this when I'm back in the office, I will.

HCF:mbo

July 16, 1956

Mr. Jim Battles
Alabama CIO
28½ South 20th Street
Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Jim:

I'm writing in reference to the meeting of the Southern Federation of Labor on July 22nd. If there is anything to this crowd and the meeting, I would like very much to be present. If not, I hate to take the time and money to come over.

Could you possibly evaluate this meeting for me and give me any further information as to the meeting and when held. This will be of considerable help in making my plans.

Enjoyed very much talking with you last week and hope to have an opportunity to see you again in the near future.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA:mbo

July 16, 1956

Dr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
341 Ponce de Leon Avenue N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

Here is the summary of Catholic churches that I promised you. The typewritten sheets summarize, state by state, developments since May 1954. The long mimeographed news release gives the background of earlier steps toward integration.

Best wishes for the success of your manuscript.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

July 16, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-second Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

We have very few copies of this pamphlet, and prefer to keep them for southern use. Since this is a "Yankee" request, would you be able to oblige. If not, let me know and we will send him some.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

July 16, 1956

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
2209 Shadowmorr Drive
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Payne:

I had heard that you were planning some additional activity on Southern campuses. If I can give any advice that will assist you in planning, of course I want to.

The weekend of September 21st is clear on my calendar and I will hold it pending word from you of final arrangements for the conference.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 16, 1956

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

I'm enthusiastic about your idea for a book. There is nothing of the kind in print, and it would undoubtedly serve a useful purpose for some time to come.

I am about to take off for Washington for a couple of days. After I get back, I will meditate some more on the idea. Meanwhile, if I can do or say anything to give the proposition a push, let me know.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF:mbo

July 16, 1956

Miss Sylvia Spence
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-second Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Spence:

We appreciate your thoughtfulness in having WAAM send us a kinescope of the award winning program on desegregation in the Baltimore schools.

As soon as we have viewed the film, we will return it to WAAM and will write you our reactions.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 16, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

I have checked our files on the matters of the Ministerial Associations. Apparently you have everything there is. When Brimm referred in his letter of August 2nd to information sent previously, he evidently meant the several associations he mentioned in his letter to Dr. Chambers of July 27th. Anyway, that and Chambers letter of August 1st are all we have here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

July 16, 1956

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

We would be delighted to have you reprint Lew Killian's article from New South. We thought it was an excellent piece of analysis.

While I am writing you, let me congratulate you on the Oklahoma conference. I got full reports from Fred Routh and Art Levin, as well as having read some of the publicity. You have every right to feel proud.

I hope to see you again before too long.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 16, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Harry:

We are sending you separately, twenty-five copies of Three Views.

Considerations of time and space prohibit my explaining in full why the pamphlet is only now in print. But, since you are interested, I can give you some idea briefly.

1. Faulkner first gave permission, then reversed himself, then remained undecided for many weeks, then reversed himself again and agreed.

2. The President of the Southern Historical Association negotiated a Foundation grant to make the printing possible. This took some time.

3. The text of the pamphlet and the various proofs had to be read and approved by a variety of people - Southern Historical Association, SRC, and the Foundation.

4. The mechanics of printing and binding took several weeks.

We think it is a pretty good job. It had better be to justify all this trouble.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

P. S. Incidentally every subscriber of New South is receiving a copy in a separate mailing.

July 16, 1956

Mr. A. R. Suritz
101 East Main Street
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your recent letter and for the clippings that you have sent. They are very helpful in keeping us up to date.

I had seen the proposal by Rabbi Eisendrath, and will be most interested to see what comes of it.

I will hope to see you again soon and meanwhile will appreciate your keeping the information coming.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

cc: John Hope II

July 16, 1956

Mr. John Hope III
Encampment for Citizenship
c/o Fieldston School
Fieldston Road
New York (Riverdale) 71, New York

Dear Jack:

Sincere congratulations on your election as president of the Encampment for Citizenship for the year 1956.

We at the Southern Regional Council are extremely proud that you, one of our scholarship winners, received this high honor. We know, from association with you and your family, that you fully deserve it and are grateful that this was recognized by your fellow delegates from around the nation.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

extra copy made for GSM

July 17, 1956

Mr. H. Philip Mettger
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mettger:

You are going to run into hard luck with your letter to Rufus Clement about the Gold Coaster, Mr. Anthony, who is to be in Atlanta August 10-14. Unfortunately, Mr. Clement is in Europe and won't be back by then.

I am to be in Atlanta August 10th and 11th, and 12th. But not the 13th and the 14th. I have talked to Mr. Clement's secretary. We have made a split on Anthony. I, Mitchell, will be responsible for Anthony August 10th, 11th, and 12th. Mr. Clement's office will be responsible for Anthony August 13th and 14th. Responsibility means making appointments.

I will go out to the airport and meet Mr. Anthony at his incoming plane on the evening of August 10th. Atlanta University says he may stay in the Graduate Dormitory, and I will take Mr. Anthony from the airport to Atlanta University's dormitory.

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I am taking some steps to further my African project, and you will be hearing shortly therefrom.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

extra copy made for GSM

July 17, 1956

(Dictated July 16th)

Mrs. Ernestine Comer
Secretary to
Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Comer:

About Mr. Anthony whom we discussed just now on the phone. I have written Mettger that I, Mitchell, will meet Anthony at Anthony's incoming plane at the Atlanta airport on the evening of August 10th, and will take Mr. Anthony to Atlanta University's Graduate Dormitory, 50 Chestnut Street. I, Mitchell will arrange a schedule for Anthony for August 11th, including having Mr. Anthony at Atlanta University's Commencement August 11th at 5:00 p.m.; also Mitchell will arrange Anthony's schedule for August 12th.

You very kindly undertook to arrange appointments for Mr. Anthony August 13th and 14th, and to contrive Mr. Anthony on to his departing plane on the 14th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

July 17, 1956

Mr. Charles MacLennan
American Friends Service Committee
1309 East Broad Street
Columbus 5, Ohio

Dear Mr. MacLennan:

I thought the Yellow Springs Conference a wonderful success, and I am so glad you let me be a part of it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Clip from Washington Post dtd 6/24/56 to JC

July 17, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Dilworth Lupton
1518 North Abingdon Street
Arlington 7, Virginia

Dear The Luptons:

How that helps!

I rejoiced to see the Charlottesville decision. That will clear a lot of Virginia air.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 17, 1956

Miss Marguerite Hawkins
Assistant Treasurer
Home Department
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Hawkins:

How very grateful we are for your kind letter of July 9th, with your check NC77242 of $1,200 as a contribution of the Department of Work in Home Fields for the work of the Southern Regional Council for 1956-57.

You sustain us greatly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official receipt $1,200

July 17, 1956

(Dictated July 16th)

Mr. Stillman P. Williams
9 Sheridan Street
Lexington 73, Massachusetts

Dear Stillman:

Very nice to hear from you. We cherish you both.

Josephine, by the best of my knowledge, is in Florida, and a couple of letters I had fired at her lately have had no response. If you succeed in bringing her to activity, more power to you.

You can reach Lillian directly at Clayton, Georgia. My information is that she has lately accepted very few engagements.

I have a nominee. Excellent liberal, not noisy, Southern Presbyterian parson, named Jack Marion, who runs the Virginia Council on Human Relations at 100 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Va. He is my most Northerly outpost, and therefore does a certain amount of getting about to Northerly points. Able speaker; minutely informed; judicious; 43 or 44; pleasant personality; altogether a good egg. There's a sensible and well informed woman in Cambridge, Massachusetts who runs some kind of human relations show for Cambridge. Her name is Mrs. Catherine T. Johnson, 38 Kirkland Street. She would do you a good job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

P.S. Josephine just materialized. In good working order.

July 18, 1956

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 15, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

We have received your letter of July 12th regarding the termination of employment by the Texas Commission of Mrs. Lombard. We have since received a copy of a letter of resignation from Mrs. Lombard to you. We believe that the relationship between clerical help, professional staff, and state organization is primarily a local concern. We like to keep advised of any changes in such staff, but the decision of employment, duties, and termination of employment is a local concern, unless there are unusual circumstances which might call for special interest on our part, such as in the case of termination of employment of Mrs. Lombard.

We were pleased to hear of the encouraging developments in Texas and feel that you were wise in seeking new quarters. Fred Routh will carry your new address in the next Newsletter. We believe that the special study, "Texas Schools in Transition," can be of significance in building the reputation of the Texas Commission as a worthy organization.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 17, 1956

Rev. Edward J. Kloppe, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
504 West 24th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your letter of July 16, which we received today. I am glad to see that you and Sam Gibbs are wrapped up in the school study, for I feel that this will have real significance. I am interested that you feel that you will have some valuable additions to make to Southern School News.

I am enclosing a copy of the monthly reports from Arkansas and Florida, both of which I feel are well done.

Mrs. Alexander is preparing a list of New South subscribers in Texas and as soon as it is compiled, we will forward it to you at your new office address.

We have received a copy of the letter terminating Mrs. Lombard's employment with the Texas Commission and a copy of the letter from Mrs. Lombard to Mrs. Crate, resigning. Dr. Mitchell is writing Mrs. Crate a note on this. We feel that questions regarding clerical personnel are rightfully settled by the State organization and that it would be a highly unusual situation where SRC would take a direct interest in a local policy decision.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Enclosures
Dictated by Mr. Routh. Signed in his absence by his secretary.

July 17, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Not long since, I was at some meeting where Unitarians were in evidence. A couple of the Unitarians spoke to me about the fine qualities of one J. Ray Shute, of Monroe. Said to be a lawyer, sometime Mayor, and a good egg.

I daresay you have him as a member, but I send in his name.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 17, 1956

Reverend William M. Kirkland
St. Stephens Episcopal Church
Milledgeville, Ga.

Dear Mr. Kirkland:

Here is the additional pamphlet we promised you. Hope it helps.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo
enc.

July 17, 1956

Mr. Henry Lee Moon
Public Relations Director
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Moon:

The NAACP pamphlets we requested from you arrived this morning. Thanks very much for this generous quantity. We are preparing to get a quantity of them out to our state organizations.

Also, we are filling some requests here in Georgia for information concerning the NAACP.

Again thanks. With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

July 18, 1956

Mr. H. S. Brown
Educational Director
Texas State Federation of Labor
412 Littlefield Building
Austin 15, Texas

Dear Mr. Brown:

I have bought my airplane ticket to Texas. I ride Braniff's Flight 57 from Dallas to Austin. She leaves Dallas at 6:15 p.m. I think she hits Austin at 7:20 p.m. All travel is on Sunday August 26th. So, if somebody will be so kind as to be at the airport at Austin to meet incoming Flight 57 on Sunday evening the 26th and tote me out to the camp, I will be bedded down and next morning will be raring to go.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 18, 1956

Reverend Harold L. Cooper, S. J.
Jesuit House of Studies
Spring Hill, Alabama

Dear Father Cooper:

I mail you a couple of copies of What the Courts Said, and of The Schools and the Courts, and of Answers for Action which succeeded The Schools and the Courts.

We deplore that early printing of the map at the back of Answers for Action, and substituted a better done job in the next edition. But now all editions are exhausted.

I have not heard of the UNESCO pamphlet. Write to Columbia University Press, 2960 Broadway, New York City, and they will have it I am sure. They are also the standard source for other UNESCO booklets.

I drove back this morning from an orientation conference which Bishop Waters had arranged in Western, North Carolina.

I am greatly interested in what you are doing, and hope you will share the final results with me.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 18, 1956

Mr. Lewis Jones
Tuskegee Institute
Rural Life Council
P. O. Box 67
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Lewis:

Come ahead the 24th. We will get in some time together, and I will like it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 18, 1956

The Abbey Hotel
Fifty-First Street
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

I would be grateful for your kindness in saving me a single room at minimum rate for the nights of July 24th and 25th.

Shall arrive on the 24th at the Newark Airport at 10:00 p.m., and can hardly expect to be at the hotel before 11:30 p.m. the 24th. So please be kind enough to mark it late.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 18, 1956

Father Thomas F. Kerin
Director
Our Lady of the Hills Camp
Hendersonville, North Carolina

Dear Father Kerin:

You were most kind to give me so pleasant a room. I tiptoed out in the darkling dawn and hope I disturbed no one.

Every success to you and to the Assembly Ground.

Do, opportunity presenting, go and call on Dr. W. D. Weatherford at Overlook at Blue Ridge. And you would learn a good deal from Mr. Sanders, who for long years managed Blue Ridge and is clearly the most knowledgeable man in the world about assembly grounds. Retired from running Blue Ridge now, but lives there and quite available to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. Sanders would know all of the business of snaking in conferences. And I am sure he would tell you trade secrets that would never be put to my ears!

July 18, 1956

Mr. H. Councill Trenholm
Executive Secretary
The American Teachers Association
P. O. Box 271
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Trenholm:

George Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letters of July 9th and 10th, 1956.

He will be happy to participate in your Annual Convention on the dates mentioned in your letter (Special Committee Conference at Clark College on Saturday July 28th, and the Symposium on Monday morning July 30th).

SRC pamphlets previously listed which are no longer available are: Answers for Action, A Checklist of Your Local Schools, Questions and Answers.

SRC pamphlets to be added to your bibliography are: Changing Patterns in the New South, 25¢, 116 pgs.; What the Supreme Court Said, 10¢, 12 pgs.

Sincerely Yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

GSA/eab

cc: GSM

July 19, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
1820 Jefferson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

It was good seeing you in Washington earlier this week. I had a fairly rewarding conference with Rabb after I left you.

First, as to the two small requests you made of me. George Mitchell did indeed receive the letter from the Texas Federation of Labor confirming his engagement to speak to them in August; all cordial and above board. I have spoken on the phone briefly with John Griffin about the idea of a Civil Liberties Conference; we will discuss it further at a weekend meeting in South Carolina, and I will write you.

Morton Elder was here Wednesday, following a trip to the southwest with Manny. Based on our original thinking, he has worked out the enclosed itinerary. You will see that it carries the project through October 10th, which would make the total duration almost four months. There is a very good reason for this - namely, the three weeks of delay and diversion occasioned by our gearing in with Manny.

I realize that your budget for this project is somewhat more limited than you first thought it would be. If you would let me know exactly how much you can go, I can then decide how much we will be able to do and how much, if any, Elder's itinerary ought to be compressed. I don't think the schedule is excessive, and I would like to implement it as it stands if possible.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

July 19, 1956

Dr. Manet Fowler
c/o Mr. Preston Valien
339 21st Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Fowler:

Enclosed is a check for travel advance in the amount of $300 as requested in your day letter just received. I believe you have copies of the voucher form on which the actual expenditures are to be reported.

The deadline originally set for the fact-finding portion of the suffrage study is September 1st. This is not inflexible, however, and where circumstances warrant it can be extended several weeks. I had anticipated even in the most difficult and late starting states, the findings would be in hand no later than the end of September. When you have had a chance to assess the situation, I would appreciate your advising me of the prospect for completion of the Tennessee study.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

July 19, 1956

Dr. John Fenton
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Fenton:

I want to acknowledge at once, with appreciation, the registration figures which you sent so promptly. I have not yet studied them in detail, but I have sampled them with interest. It is gratifying to have so complete a record.

I can appreciate the problem raised by population changes since 1950 - as evidently the case in Evangeline Parrish where the Negro registration for 1956 is larger than the potential for 1950. I know of no central remedy. However, in many states fairly complete population estimates are available through the Secretary of State or some other state official for non-Census years. If such figures are available in Louisiana, perhaps you would find it possible to project the racial breakdown and substitute these estimates for the 1950 figures. If that is not possible, I know of no solution except frankly to acknowledge the inadequacy of our data in the final report.

In any case I will explore this problem further and let you know if we come up with a more satisfactory answer. Meanwhile I will appreciate your letting me know what current population estimates are available from state agencies.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 19, 1956

Dr. Louis C. Kesselman
Department of Political Science
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Kesselman:

Thank you for your letter of July 13th. A check covering the fees and expenses reported by you has been mailed.

Your plan to concentrate on the ten counties which have the largest proportion of Negroes in the state has my complete approval. A complete canvass of the 120 counties would clearly be beyond the limitations of your time and resources.

As to past registration, such interpolations as you can make without too much difficulty will be helpful. But I should make it clear that county by county figures for prior years are not essential to the survey. If you can derive such figures for the current period, this is all that is necessary to make your findings comparable to those from other states.

Since Kentucky is a two party state, information on party affiliations and shifts in registration are certainly pertinent. Needless to say we want to avoid anything that could be interpreted as partisan political interest, but the sort of objective analysis you have in mind would present no problem.

I am glad that you have found competent assistance and are off to a good start. If further questions arise, donot hesitate to write me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 19, 1956

Mr. William B. Ngakane
P. O. Box 97
Johannesburg, Africa

Dear Mr. Ngakane:

Dr. Frank Loescher has written me suggesting that I send you some material on the role of Negro ministers in the interracial progress here. Enclosed are copies of several newspaper and magazine items which deal with the subject. I hope they will be helpful to you and your colleagues and I extend best wishes for the success of the forthcoming conference to be sponsored by the African Ministers Association.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

Under separate cover: Race in the News
New South - March 1950

July 19, 1956

Mr. Charles E. Higbie
Associate Professor of Journalism
The University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Higbie:

We were glad to have your letter concerning the projected survey of daily newspaper content on civil rights and civil liberties. We will be glad to help in any way that we can.

As you know, we are concerned with race relations in the South, and we have followed newspaper practices in this field in a general way for some years. However, we have very little in print on the subject, and nothing at all of recent vintage. I am sending you separately a pamphlet we did several years back which played some part in sensitizing the Southern press to unfair handling of news about Negroes, as well as a very brief follow-up article in our publication New South. We have in our files some thousands of newspaper clippings classified by subject and by year, dating back to 1946. The clipping files for the last two years are particularly full. If these clippings, all dealing with race relations and civil rights, would assist your study, they are of course accessible.

I am sure you know, The Southern Education Reporting Service in Nashville, Tennessee since its inception two years ago has maintained voluminous clipping files on matters pertaining to segregation and desegregation in education,

While we have little or nothing in the way of systematic studies, several of our staff members are well acquainted with newspaper practices in this area and would be glad to give you their views. It would be helpful to us, however, if you could indicate a little more specifically the questions to which you would like us to address ourselves.

Please let us know how we can be of assistance as the study progresses.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 19, 1956

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas
Virginia

Dear Mr. Muse:

I am sending you our publications list and several publications which you may find helpful. If you desire to keep them, please send the Council a check for $1.20. Those crossed out on the list are not available, but all others may be ordered directly from the Council. Answers for Action: Schools in the South is being revised and will be issued again later in the summer. Another report that will soon be available lists many instances of desegregation in the seventeen Southern and border states since May 1954.

The publications being sent you are Changing Patterns in the New South, What the Supreme Court Said, Three Views on the Segregation Decision, and New South for April, May and June 1956. If you wish to receive New South regularly, its subscription price is $2.00 per year.

The Council is well acquainted with your writings, and many of us followed with keen interest your reporting and analysis of the Gray Amendment and subsequent developments.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/yb
Enclosures

July 19, 1956

The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 North McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bishop Waters:

I had a grand time, and I am most grateful to you and all the others for yesterday's occasion at Hendersonville.

I dropped a note to Father Kerin and suggested that he make it his business to seek out either old Dr. W. D. Weatherford, who lives in the cottage Overlook at Blue Ridge, or Mr. Sanders, resident also at Blue Ridge, who managed Blue Ridge for uncounted decades. Weatherford is now mainly in retirement, but still raises money for Berea College. Sanders has younger assistants who manage Blue Ridge, but he is the presiding genius.

Sanders knows more about mountain assembly grounds than any other creature. Weatherford is a knowledgeable old gentleman. Your time is so burdened that I hardly dare suggest that you seek them out. But if ever there is a time when you can turn your car into Blue Ridge and hunt up one, or both, of them, I am sure you will feel rewarded. I have learned as years have come to me that my older friends do not wait upon my convenience. By the time my convenience is there they have been translated.

Respectfully,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 19, 1956

Mr. Donald A. C. Maclennan
18801 Rivercliff Drive
Fairview Park 26
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Maclennan:

So glad you are on this side!

I think you are pursuing a lead likely to end usefully. Hylan Lewis is a very able man. I would advise you to come soon rather than late, in order that you might have the maximum chance for lining up something for the coming academic year, 1956-57.

We will be delighted to see you here. You are welcome to pick our minds by the minute or by the year!

And when you get to Atlanta stay at the Mitchells' house, which is 906 Lullwater Road, with a telephone DEarborn 5961.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 20, 1956

Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn
General Delivery
East Jeffrey, New Hampshire

Dear Rabbi Gittelsohn:

We have no particular pattern. To each of the ones who prepared the worship services before, we gave the same request we gave to you. The result was their own conception of what they felt was needed. So you may follow your own direction.

I will say this: we would appreciate a larger worship service. The material in it matters much more than the length, for we know that human relations is a religious question and relates fully to religious living. We will build our two days' conference on spiritual background. So use your own judgment as to length and we will fit it in, for I know your message will be such as would give us strength we need for a difficult task.

This will be put into the workbook and used during the conference and again the State leaders would use it over and over again in their workshops.

Finally I say: use your own judgment as to length and content. Being written by you, it will be what we need.

I am deeply appreciative of the association I have had with you and I am appreciative and grateful for your great service rendered to the women of the South, who are trying to be the interpreters and shock absorbers of this social change.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

July 20, 1956

Miss Mary Reed Crook
1922 Park Avenue
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear Miss Crook:

We have a very limited number of copies of "Three Views of the Segregation Decisions", and we are sending separately three copies.

This was a special printing designed to circulate our mailing list. No further distribution is planned, and the material is unpriced.

We are glad that you think the pamphlet helpful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

July 20, 1956

Mr. W. E. Garnett
804 Draper Road
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Garnett:

Your letter to Dr. Mitchell has been referred to me, since I am responsible for the southwide survey of Negro suffrage that we are carrying on. Enclosed is a copy of the project outline. Unfortunately, we have set ourselves a September deadline feeling that the advantages are out-weighed by the urgent need for information on the status of Negro suffrage. It may be that we can make some arrangement to supplement the findings in the case of Virginia by further field work after the November election. Meanwhile, however, I think it is essential for us to get such information as is immediately available.

I am sorry that the project is going forward at a period when you have little free time, but perhaps through Dr. Roberts we will be able to take advantage of your special knowledge in this field after the period of formal fact-finding for the twelve Southern states is over. I hope you will discuss this with him and that you will stop by to see me when you come through Atlanta in August.

I appreciate your sending me a copy of your excellent article from the Religious Herald.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.
CC: Dr. Harry Roberts

July 20, 1956

Mr. Nat R. Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

There was some delay in shipment of the first issue of the Fund for the Republic bulletin. Undoubtedly you have received it now.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

M E M O R A N D U M

July 20, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: HCF

SUBJECT: Vacation

I am planning to take off two weeks - August 6th through the 17th. I hope this is satisfactory with you.

John Constable also made tentative vacation plans which would involve an overlapping of our absences during the week of August 13th. I have checked your schedule with Elizabeth Brantley and I have checked Fred's. I find with the exception of your absence on August 13th and 14th you are scheduled in the office for both weeks, and Fred expects to be solidly present, baring something unforeseen. Both Florence and Yvonne will be here. In view of these circumstances, what do you think of John's being out during the second week of my vacation?

HCF:mbo

July 20, 1956

Dr. Herman H. Long, Director
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Long:

I am sending you the resolutions drawn up by the Institute members. An original for each of the addressees and copies for your files are enclosed.

The Institute program was indeed an informative and stimulating one, and I am appreciative that I had the opportunity of attending.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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July 14, 1956

RESOLUTION OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS
AT FISK UNIVERSITY

To the administration, faculty, and students of Scarritt College, we, the members of the Thirteenth Annual Race Relations Institute, wish to express our appreciation for the delightful evening spent with you at Scarritt. The spirit of joyous fellowship in the beautiful surroundings of your campus and buildings gave us a sense of real friendship with an institution which is well equipped for the building of the Kingdom of God. It was an added privilege to meet the splendid young people who are going out for three years in that service.

July 14, 1956

TO: THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FISK UNIVERSITY

FROM: THE PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS

The members of the 1956 Institute of Race Relations thank the administration of Fisk University for the fruitful experience of the Thirteenth Annual Institute on Race Relations. The gracious hospitality of every member of the faculty and student body, of the maintenance staff and everyone with whom we have come in contact will be remembered always by each of us. The priceless experience of full integration here in the South on the Fisk Campus has been a living demonstration of what we hope eventually to see everywhere in the United States.

Our thanks to Fisk will be expressed best, perhaps, in the work we are better able to do in our home communities because of what we have learned from the Institute faculty, and from each other.

We hope that what each of us has brought from his day to day work for better human relations may add something, in its turn, to the common resources upon which we all may draw.

July 14, 1956

TO: TO ALL WHO PROVIDED SPECIAL MUSIC

FROM: THE MEMBERS OF THE 1956 RACE RELATIONS INSTITUTE

The cultural and spiritual life of our Institute has been greatly enriched by the excellent contribution made by each of you who provided special music at the evening sessions and social functions during our two weeks on the Fisk University Campus.

We are deeply grateful to you for sharing with us your artistry. To take your precious time to spend with us is indicative that you are artists of the heart as well as of voice and instrument.

July 14, 1956

RESOLUTION OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS AT FISK UNIVERSITY

We, the members of the 1956 Race Relations Institute of Fisk University, wish to express our deep appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. Johnson for their gracious hospitality, which we enjoyed on Tuesday evening, July 10th. It will long be remembered as one of the most delightful experiences of our time here together.

July 14, 1956

RESOLUTION OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS

AT FISK UNIVERSITY

It is with genuine and deepfelt appreciation that the participants of the Thirteenth Annual Race Relations Institute thank the American Missionary Association, its Board of Directors, and its staff of the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University:

For the continuing, ceaseless and fruitful labor in the field of race relations, education, and human welfare.

For providing a channel through which dedicated and inspired persons with selfless devotion, have so enriched and altered the lives of both the deprived and the depriving.

For the spiritual growth and fellowship made possible by the continuining work of the Institute; for the association of each of us with those of different race, creed and color in the Institute's atmosphere which unfailingly teaches respect for every individual on the basis of merit and mutual esteem. Its understanding is exemplary and boundless.

For affording the opportunity through which we realize that oppression and injustice are not limited to any single group, but are experienced by persons in many groups and are the concerns of all who wish to make real the ideals of equality and brotherhood.

For the high quality of the general program of the Thirteenth Annual Institute of Race Relations; for securing distinquished lecturers, panelists, and clinic leaders; for general arrangements which made possible an informative, enjoyable, and comfortable Institute and companionable association with all Institute members.

July 14, 1956

TO THE FACULTY WOMEN AND FACULTY WIVES OF FISK

Dear Gracious Ladies:

We, the members of the 1956 Institute of Race Relations, wish to express to each of you our sincere appreciation for your provision of the very delightful coffee-time each morning.

To suggest that you provided an "oasis in the midst of a weary land" would do great injustice to our scintillating lecturers, but to assure you that these mid-morning moments of fellowship were eagerly enjoyed would be a truth indeed. There we caught our collective breaths before beginning our intellectual journey again.

As we return to our more than thirty separate states and territories you may be assured that wherever we may be as we next indulge in this semi-sacred American Institution of the "Coffee-break" we'll remember your graciousness and hospitality. Thanks from the bottom of our cups. It was good to the last drop!

-- THE INSTITUTE MEMBERS --

July 23, 1956

Dr. Charles S. Johnson
President
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

You are most kind; I thought my speech jumpy and less helpful than it should have been.

Your extra aid in the check is an abiding good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 23, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-second Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

Here is another of those items I have sent you from time to time. This also is from our Florida Council and I think is well done. I believe you will find it of interest.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mbo
Enc.

July 23, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

We think it would be well if your state organization applied now for tax-exemption.

I should think what you would do would be to reach the highest office of the Bureau of Internal Revenue of the U. S. Treasury Department in your state, and obtain the appropriate blanks and proceed to apply through the normal routines locally.

We hear that the Treasury Department in Washington is in the course of a major review of present and requested tax-exemptions, and we would therefore expect your application to be subject ultimately to Washington rather than to local decision.

But the case in law and reason for tax-exemption for the Southern Regional Council (which has it) and for our state organizations is overwhelming, and we think the request for tax-exemption generally should now be pushed along.

We are not urging anything like a crash landing, but we think that you should begin to move on the matter.

You should have local legal advice in the preparation of the blanks. And we would wish you to send the filled-in blanks to us for a quick review before you turn them in.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 23, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

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Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 23, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 23, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Kloppe:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 23, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Griswold:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 23, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 23, 1956

Miss Margaret Garrity
Assistant Director of Education
The President's Committee on Government Contracts
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Maggie:

We have recently received in this office a copy of a new booklet dated March, 1956 and entitled Equal Job Opportunity Program. As you know, we have twelve affiliated state organizations throughout the South and we are interested in keeping them aware of developments in the field of human relations and of all Federal activities in the area of employment by merit. We would appreciate very much twelve additional copies of this booklet for distribution to our state affiliates.

Best personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mbo

July 23, 1956

AIR MAIL

Miss Mildred Grossman
1828 Longfellow Avenue
New York 60, New York

Dear Miss Grossman:

I arrive at the Newark Airport at 10:07 p.m., July 24th, and get myself in promptly to the Abbey Hotel at 151 West Fifty-First Street.

Could you covenant to be downtown by 9:00 a.m. July 25th? I will meet you anywhere in the lower half of Manhattan Island at 9:00 a.m. You name the spot and wiggle the time to suit you.

I will expect either a note from you at the hotel, or a telephone call on the morning of the 25th.

If no communication from you, I will telephone you the morning of the 25th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 23, 1956

Mrs. James M. Todd
1489 Clairmont Place
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Todd:

Quite all right for Friday, August 3rd, and I will be there.

Correct. I will take the 12:35 Eastern Air Lines' plane, which is their Flight 166, and shall arrive at Nashville at 1:06 p.m. Most kind if you would meet me at the airport again, and we would go on to Mr. May's office.

I will get space on a return flight leaving Nashville at 4:55 p.m., Eastern Air Lines' Flight 265. No great harm done if I fail to make it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 23, 1956

Mr. Marshall Bragdon, President
National Association of Intergroup
Relations Officials
105 City Hall
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Marsh:

We have received your letter asking for an OK to use the list of SRC's affiliate state organizations in a comprehensive directory of staffed agencies. I am answering the letter for George since he is tied up at the moment. The answer is in the affirmative, yes we would be happy to have you list our affiliates and, of course, SRC itself. I understand from your letter that Helen Amerman has the list. I will send her a copy of this letter so she may know it is OK to go ahead.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mbo
CC: Miss Helen Amerman

July 23, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
Mr. Howard D. Roberts
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill and Howard:

We have just received Volume 1, No. 3 of your Newsletter, and this is just a wee note to say how much I think of it. It is exceptionally well done and I wish you would send copies of it to all the other state organizations. Will you also please supply us with five or ten more copies?

Best regards to you both.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mbo

July 23, 1956

Reverend Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bert:

Many thanks for the letter and the enclosure with your article in it. We think that it is well done and for a church publication is pitched on exactly the right level. John Constable, the Managing Editor of the New South, is considering it for New South. We would, of course, obtain permission from World Call and would need your permission too.

Things are going well with our work across the South and we feel encouraged about many of the events that are taking place. I am still optomistic about some chances for desegregation this fall in Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

I trust that your idea of selling shares in the Arkansas Council is making progress. I like the idea and intend to mention it in my next Newsletter.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mbo

July 23, 1956

Racial Relations Service
Office of the Administrator
Housing and Home Finance Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have recently received a copy of the service document you put out entitled Urban Renewal in the Interest of All the People prepared by B. T. McGraw. We would like to distribute this to our twelve affiliated organizations. Will you please be so kind as to send us twelve extra copies of this report. We believe that our state affiliates could do a great deal of good toward guaranteeing a proper usage of housing facilities for all of our people if they know what Federal resources are available.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mbo

July 23, 1956

Miss Eulalie Ginn
Methodist Student Movement
Box 8225 University Branch
Miami 46, Florida

Dear Eulalie:

Thank you for your letter of July 22nd regarding the Convocation at which I am to be the platform speaker. I note that there are five such speeches to give. I have not, as of this time, prepared the specific topics but will do so in the near future and send you the titles and perhaps something of the content of each. Since it is a group of young Christian people I, of course, will use the religious approach. I think it is important that the young people understand the things Christianity has in common with the other great religions of our time and certainly this is true of the basic concept of man's relation to man and man's relation to God. As you note, we must raise their sights beyond the narrow regional view and this I shall attempt to do.

I trust things are going well for you at the University and I am more than pleased that you have decided to stay for at least another year. I think the University needs you very much and I know the Wesley Foundation would not be the same without you.

Best personal regards.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mbo

July 23, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

It was a real pleasure to be with you and Mrs. Clark and the group at Highlander. I appreciated the opportunity of speaking with the group about developments in the South.

I have just received the July issue of Highlander Reports with the many wonderful things about Zilphia in it. Certainly the letters express far better than any formal testimonial the love the people had for her and indeed, the love she had for the people. It is indeed wonderful to know that a person's efforts are appreciated and not forgotten when they pass on. There is no better moving memorial to a person than she be remembered by those with whom she worked and such is the case with Zilphia.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mbo

July 23, 1956

Dr. Charles S. Johnson, President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your recent letter with the kind words about my chairing the panel at the Fisk Institute. The panel members were the real contributors to a better understanding of the Southern Regional Council. My part was small indeed but I was glad to be able to help.

You mentioned C. H. Parrish and I had not sent in an expense account for our trip to Fisk. It was not our intention to do so. You all were so good about providing room and tuition for our state staff people that it would be most ungrateful and ungracious of us to even think of asking for reimbursement for our travel. Further, this certainly promoted a better understanding of the Southern Regional Council and for all of these reasons we have assumed the expenses involved.

Best personal regards to you, Mrs. Johnson and Bob.

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mbo

July 24, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

The Atlanta Southern Regional office of the National Student YWCA, 'twill be remembered, is in this building. In the brave days when Rosalie Oakes managed it they began a tolerably well-known list of interracial conference spots in these Southerns. I went down yesterday with a flock of invitations to the Islands and talked with Mademoiselle Stodghill, who is not the boss-queen, but who is the only one I ever catch down there doing anything.

I explained to her how Rosalie kept a list and what a nice place Penn Community is, and the use of these facilities, and asked her to spread it around discreetly. She is discreet and she will behave herself well.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 24, 1956

Mr. Guy Wells
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wells:

The Executive Committee met a couple of days last week at the spot described in the enclosed. Nice place. You are within reach, and might consider it for this or that meeting at some time or other, or for some appropriate group. Point is, they like to be used for interracial conferences.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 24, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Executive Committee met a couple of days last week at the spot described in the enclosed. Nice place. You are within reach, and might consider it for this or that meeting at some time or other, or for some appropriate group. Point is, they like to be used for interracial conferences.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 24, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

The Executive Committee met a couple of days last week at the spot described in the enclosed. Nice place. You are within reach, and might consider it for this or that meeting at some time or other, or for some appropriate group. Point is, they like to be used for interracial conferences.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 24, 1956

Mr. Ambrose Caliver
Department of Health, Education
and Welfare
Office of Education
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Ambrose:

You are most kind to leave me the only part I know anything about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 25, 1956

Mr. George Schermer, Executive Director
Commission on Human Relations
800 Commercial Trust Building
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear George:

I would like very much to come up to Philadelphia for the Board Meeting of NAIRO, which comes sometime in September. However, I have an agreement with George Mitchell that SRC will pay my way to one Board Meeting and Annual Meeting per year. I have used up my Board Meeting for this year and look forward to using my Annual Meeting allotment.

Would it be possible for you to find me a speaking engagement in Philadelphia during the time of the Board Meeting, which would pay an honorarium of one hundred dollars, which would cover my travel costs? Maury Fagan might be helpful in lining up such an engagement, and there are many other people in the Philadelphia area who know the Southern Regional Council and yours truly. This is about the only way I can possibly come to the Board Meeting.

I would be glad to give a speech on "Desegregation in Dixie." This report made quite a favorable impression on the West Coast when I was invited out by the Southern California branch of the American Civil Liberties Union and Ed Howden's group in San Francisco.

I don't want to tax your time or energies but would appreciate anything you can do along this line.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

P. S. I don't know just when in September that meeting is scheduled because I have not been told, but perhaps you know.

July 25, 1956

Mr. Herbert B. Cahan, Program Manager
WAAM
Television Hill
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Cahan:

This is to acknowledge your letter of July 19th and to let you know that we have forwarded the kinescope of "Desegregation - Baltimore Report" to Mr. J. Jefferson Bennett.

We appreciate your giving us an opportunity to view the film, and we hope to make use of it with our state groups throughout the South.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
CC: Mr. J. Jefferson Bennett
Mrs. Sylvia Spence

July 25, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
1820 Jefferson Place N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Thanks for your letter about the maximum expenditure for the Elder project. I think the amount is generous, and I quite understand why it can't be more. What it means, in effect, that you will be subsidizing the salary and we will be paying the expenses. I am working with Elder to see how we can stretch it.

I got a chance to talk a little further with John Griffin about the possibility of a Civil Liberties conference here. He is not at all optimistic. On top of everything else, Emory University, which would be the logical institutional sponsor, is in the middle of a battle for the presidency. So it is a particularly touchy time. Griffin left the meeting at which I saw him for a week's vacation. I will talk with him further when he returns, and if anything more hopeful than this emerges, I will let you know.

I spent about two hours with Rabb discussing how the President might strengthen the hand, prestige-wise, of people like us in the South who are trying to make the Supreme Court decision work. Rabb and his associates were receptive but the complexities of the political year raise some problems. Should Eisenhower be reelected maybe something will come of it after November.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 25, 1956

Mr. William A. Fowlkes
Chief, Southern Bureau
Johnson Publishing Company, Inc.
208 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fowlkes:

I think every citizen has a duty to try to work out for the whole American people an acceptable present and a hopeful future, wherever he may live. If a man is willing to do this in his native area, he can make an important contribution. But it is also the right of every American to try to get ahead anywhere he wants to try.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 25, 1956

Mr. Grady Fowler
LaGrange
Georgia

Dear Mr. Fowler:

I am returning your manuscript with regrets and with apologies for having kept it so long.

The staff here read it with much interest and appreciation for the point of view which you defend so ably. However, we have concluded that the approach is both too lengthy and too technical for New South. Had you thought of getting it published in one of the more serious journals? I don't know that field of publications very well, but I should think some publication like the Journal of Public Law at Emory would be interested.

In any case, our thanks for letting us see the manuscript and our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

July 25, 1956

Professor Robert B. McKay
School of Law
New York University
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Bob:

You deserve an accolade for your comprehensive article in the New York University Law Review. I don't know how you found the time to symthesize so much related but scattered material. The article should be a valuable source document for a long time to come.

Are there more reprints available? We would be delighted to buy at least a modest quantity for the use of our state people.

It also occurs to me that the people at the Fund for the Republic should see it, if they haven't. If you think well of the idea, you might send a copy to Mr. Edward Reed, Fund for the Republic, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City. I will also see to it that Frank Loescher, the race relations consultant, sees it when he returns from Africa in September.

As you may suppose, my interest here is in seeing your article reach useful hands.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

July 25, 1956

Mr. Arnold Kaufman
1820 Jefferson Place N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

Unfortunately, your request for information on Negro voting comes at a time when we are right in the middle of a state by state survey of the question. We won't have the full results until late September.

Meanwhile, almost no information has been collected on this subject since the school segregation decision. I'm asking our Research Assistant to send you airmail a couple of articles which deal with Negro suffrage in a general way. And I am enclosing the figures we have received from our survey man in Louisiana. (His are the first to come in.)

Sorry we can't give you what you need, but tell Ben that if he will deal with the subject in the fall, we will load him down with data.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

July 25, 1956

Miss Nancy Balfour
The Economist
22 Ryder Street
London, S.W.I., England

Dear Miss Balfour:

I was happy to get your letter of July 20th and to find that your estimate of the Georgia situation coincides with my own.

By all means, call on me whenever I may be able to do something for The Economist. You can be sure that I will let you know of any ideas that occur to me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 25, 1956

Miss Marylin Licht
Jewish Family Service
113 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Licht:

Thank you for your letter advising me of the exact date and time of the SPSSI symposium. This gives me precisely the information I need.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 25, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-second Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

We are very pleased that you have decided to publish the desegregation reports as a paper-back booklet. I should think that at least a good part of the investment could be recovered. We will, of course, want to work with you in every way we can on the distribution question. I take it the decision as to quantity will await printing estimates.

Once the timing is clear, I would like to discuss with you the matter of publicity. With proper handling, I think we could hope for some pretty good news and feature treatment.

The manuscript which you have needs more revision than should be done on the proofs. We are proceeding with that, and plan to have a corrected manuscript in the mail to you this week.

In the interest of the book, I will suppress my passion for anonymity and permit the use of my name as co-author, relying on the introduction and the use of my title to make clear that this was an SRC job.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 25, 1956

Miss Helen Amerman, Research Director
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Helen:

George has turned your letter of July 17 requesting information or correction on the list of human relations agencies in the South over to me. I have made corrections on the list and return it herewith.

In the South, unlike perhaps other areas of the nation, there are several other groups which perhaps play an important role in intergroup relations, and I wonder if you would want to include them.

These would include:

1. State Councils of Churches
2. State Negro Teachers Associations
3. YWCA's.

You, of course, are aware of the race relations officials of the Federal Housing Administration and some of the local specialists who deal with racial problems in housing.

If we in SRC can be of any further help to you, please yell.

I hope to see you at the NAIRO Annual Meeting.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Encl.

July 25, 1956

Mr. Julius Paul, Assistant Professor
Department of Government
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, Illinois

Dear Mr. Paul:

We are glad that you found Three Views of the Segregation Decisions a useful booklet. We are sending you separately 100 copies for use in your American government course.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 25, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Alice:

Thanks for the good word about the "Three Views" booklet. I am sending you separately 50 additional copies.

Unfortunately, this was a special subsidized printing just large enough to accommodate our mailing list, so we have no larger quantities on which to make a price. But it has been a very popular item and I am exploring the possibility of a second printing. I will let you know what results.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 25, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thanks a heap for your note. We are sending you the material you want separately.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 26, 1956

Mr. Whitney M. Young, Dean
School of Social Work
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Whitney:

Harold Fleming asked me to send you the material you requested over the telephone.

I am enclosing, under separate cover, a copy of Lillian Smith's book, copies of a quiz which I made up recently, and a copy of the September 1955 New South, which has an article on race and science. Also, I would suggest you check the new books, The Negro Potential and Goodby to Uncle Tom. They may have some material which will be of help. Anyway, I hope so.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:mef

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

July 26, 1956

Mr. John B. Orr
Florida House of Representatives
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Jack:

I just received from Jack Price a copy of the Miami Herald, Wednesday, July 25, with your picture on page one and note that you are standing fast against the tide of reactionarism which is sweeping the floor of the House. I am convinced that time will prove you right and the rest wrong.

I was interested to see that you are a member of the NAACP and I highly approve of this. Are you a member, by the way, of the Florida Council on Human Relations? If not, we would be honored to have you as a member. The Florida Council is our affiliate for the Sunshine State, and the address is 324 South Beach Street, in Daytona Beach. The Executive Director, Bill Williams, is a graduate of the University of Miami.

I am enclosing herewith another pamphlet which might be of some interest to you.

Once more, sincere congratulations. I think you are doing a noble job.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Encl.

July 27, 1956

RHA:

In accordance with the action of the Executive Committee July 22nd, we should now make payment to Mr. Guy Wells of the $150 remaining unpaid of the legal fee for his defense at the time when the officials of the State of Georgia moved against Mr. Wells' pension.

Check should issue to Guy H. Wells.

eab/

July 27, 1956

Mr. H. Councill Trenholm
c/o Mr. Lucius Pitts
Georgia Teachers & Education Association
201 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Trenholm:

By shoving six or eight people around, I cleared up Saturday morning July 28th for our Special-Committee Conference. I have to be part of a movie that's being made on Saturday afternoon. And I can't just shove around movie cameras and all the movie staff.

So the best I can do is to do what I did: call Mr. Pitts' secretary and say I will show anywhere Saturday morning or Saturday night or Sunday, to be briefed as I should be. Will you put it in your mind to contrive to tell me where to come to be briefed, when? My home telephone number is DEarborn 5961.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 27, 1956

Mr. Hugh Moffett
Life
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N ew York

Dear Mr. Moffett:

I promised to send you the script of the map speech. Herewith!

I had a delightful luncheon, and I am most grateful for everyone's kind listening.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 27, 1956

Mr. Marshall Lumsden
Time and Life
Rhodes-Haverty Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lumsden:

Safely back from the journey to New York for the appearance, July 25th, before the Editors. Here is a memorandum of expenses:

Plane up and night coach plane back - $88.06; airport transportation $2.79; hotel $6.04; bus 45¢; tip 25¢; taxi 40¢; meals 75¢. Total $98.74.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

July 27, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

Here is a doctored copy of the desegregation manuscript which should supersede the one you now have. Of course, any editing for style, form, or otherwise that you or the publishers may wish to make will be fine with me.

The "acknowledgement" is a bit awkward since I couldn't name my principal temporary helpers (being newspaper people, they felt it better to remain anonymous and objective). But I felt the acknowledgement was necessary to point up the fact that this was an organizational project. I hope it can fit in someplace.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

July 27, 1956

Miss Sylvia Spence
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Spence:

We have viewed the WAAM kinescope and forwarded it, as requested, to the University of Alabama.

We are definitely of the opinion that the film can be used effectively with citizens groups and school administrators in the South. Specifically, our affiliated state groups should find it a helpful program aid.

If the Fund is thinking of distributing the film, we should appreciate being considered for two copies.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 27, 1956

Miss Mildred Grossman
1828 Longfellow Avenue
New York 60, New York

Dear Miss Grossman:

Nice to talk with you, and nice to know that you take such good pictures, and want to take some more. I will keep remembering it.

Thank you for calling Archie Robertson because he had his whole family in that evening, and asked me to supper, and saved my journeying to the deeps of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 27, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baird
International Cooperation Administration
Djakarta, Indonesia

Dear The Bairds:

Had a nice note from Hodding Carter, who said he thought quite likely some of the Southern Regional Council's materials would be helpful to you.

I send a selection of more recent things.

A very nice young man, by name Surjono, stayed with us in Atlanta a couple of years ago, and told us of experiences he and his brothers had had in the War of Reparation. And I have read the now aging book of the man J. C. Furnivall, whom the Dutch had asked over from Burma years back.

Liberation

We in this Council understand that there is a world-wide movement which our local politicians will not be able to suppress!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eah
Under separate cover:
New South - August '54
All issues 1955
Jan - June, 1956
"History of SRC"
What the Supreme Court Said
Three Views of the Segregation Decision
Changing Patterns in the New South
SRC Publications List

July 27, 1956

Mr. Henry Harap, Associate Director
Division of Surveys and Field Services
George Peabody College for Teachers
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Harap:

Please delete from your bibliography of our pamphlets the following titles:

Race and Law Enforcement
Questions and Answers: The Schools and the Courts
Answers for Action, Schools in the South

Change price on Changing Patterns in the New South from 50¢ to 25¢. Revised 1955.

Add:

What the Supreme Court Said.... By Professor Robert A. Leflar. Southern Regional Council, Inc., 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia. 1956. 12 pages. 10 cents. Texts of the two Supreme Court school decisions with an analysis by Professor Leflar.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo
Encs.

July 27, 1956

The Reverend Philip Hurley, S. J.
Fordham University
New York 58, New York

Dear Father Hurley:

Here is a foreshortened history of SRC, which I promised you last evening.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls: "History of SRC"
SRC Promotion Leaflet
New South, June, '56

July 27, 1956

Reverend Francis J. Schenk
St. Mary's Church
Sylva, North Carolina

Dear Father Schenk:

I can promise to be at Sylva for the evening of Tuesday, September 4th, beginning at say 6:00. Most kind of you.

My calendar shows me September 5th heading out Northeastward to take my daughter to the boat in New York. So it is an easy matter to load up a day earlier and aim for Sylva by 6:00 p.m. on the 4th.

My wife and I and the grown daughter would, in all probability, stay with friends at Andrews, and I would drive over to Sylva for the evening occasion and back to Andrews to sleep.

In any case, I look forward greatly to being with you and with your friends in Sylva.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

July 27, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Ed:

Congratulations on the press release, which is a honey!

At your service for a meeting. My choice would be the afternoon of Friday, August 31st. I have bought a sleeper from Austin to Dallas for the night of August 31st, sticking me in Dallas early Saturday, September 1st, in order to take the 8:15 a.m. day-coach non-stop fly-plane Dallas-Atlanta.

I am also aware from some experience out of these labor institutes that the last night of such a show is the time for fun when the students take off on the faculty; and do expect that faculty people be around to see that fun is poked at them properly. So, on that chance that it will be coming up at the Texas schools, I ought to be available back in Austin on the evening of the 31st.

On the other hand, Texas geography being what it is, maybe nobody in Texas would stay after the last Friday morning class. Anyhow, Hank Brown would know what he plans. My purpose is to do whatever best fits the plans he makes for the Institute.

But Friday afternoon, August 31st, sounds grand; if it happens, excellent!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 27, 1956

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

Many thanks for the clipping. I praise what the Texas Commission on Race Relations is doing.

Do please come to the Board meeting. For the moment it is scheduled at Tuskegee; may be shifted to Williamsburg. We will let you know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 27, 1956

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

Very many thanks for that wonderful picture. I had a grand time last night, and I am deeply grateful to you and all your friends for a pleasant occasion and a mighty good dinner. Would there were many more such occasions ahead!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 27, 1956

Mr. J. Claude Evans
The Methodist Advocate
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Evans:

Mrs. Paul has been a valued member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, on nomination, as we both understand, from the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. The Board's next meeting, incidentally, is November 14th.

We will be much sorry to lose her from the Board, and will be grateful for your replacement of her at an early convenient date. We would like South Carolina to be fully represented at the Board meeting November 14th.

In order to make matters official, Mrs. Paul should really write in to me that she now proposes to resign from the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council. Routinely that goes before the Executive Committee (or the Board, whichever meets first), and is accepted.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 27, 1956

Mr. Aaron Brown
Project Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Brown:

One of the most detailed statements on integration's effect on private Negro colleges is that of Dr. F. D. Patterson. It was published in the Summer, 1952 issue of the Journal of Negro Education and was entitled "The Private Negro College in a Racially-Integrated System of Higher Education." Dr. Patterson's recent report on the number of white students enrolled in Negro colleges would also be helpful. This appeared in NAIRO Reporter for May 1956. I am sending you copies of newsclips containing statements by Dr. Benjamin Mays, Dr. Lawrence Davis, and Dr. G. L. Harrison.

It is difficult to get an accurate estimate of the number of Negroes presently enrolled in integrated institutions in the South. Southern School Education Reporting Service recently estimated that there were 2000 Negroes in the tax supported, formerly all-white institutions, though Dr. Guy Johnson reported earlier in 1956 that 1000 Negroes were in these tax supported institutions and 1000 in private colleges. You might wish to refer to Dr. Johnson's article on this subject in the February, 1955 issue of New South. I am sending you our revised list of the colleges which have been opened to Negro or white students. More than ninety of the formerly all-white schools, and thirteen of the Negro schools began to admit the previously excluded group after May 1954.

There is a discussion of Negroes in large eastern and mid-western universities in the Journal of Negro Education for Summer 1954; "Racial Integration in Higher Education in the North" by Richard L. Plaut. Current information on this subject can be secured from the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students, 31 West 110th Street, New York, N. Y.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

July 27, 1956

National Scholarship Service and
Fund for Negro Students
31 West 110th Street
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send me the latest issue of Opportunity News. What current reports are available on the status of Negro students in interracial colleges?

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

July 27, 1956

Mr. Richard C. Eisenhauer
2447 Lee Road
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio

Dear Ike:

Unfortunately I confused the Journal of Social Issues with the Journal of Educational Sociology. We distributed some copies of the latter. The issue you want is Vol. IX, No. 4, 1953; it was published by the Association Press, 291 Broadway, New York 7, New York ($1.25). I'm sorry we don't have the Journal of Social Issues, but I'm sending you several other items.

Hope the trip through the Deep South was pleasant.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

MEMORANDUM

July 30, 1956

TO: Dr. George S. Mitchell

FROM: C. H. Parrish and Frederick B. Routh

RE: Joint Report on the Mississippi Council

At your request, we are submitting this joint report on the Mississippi Council on Human Relations, its activities and its difficulties. We believe that the recommendations at the close of the report are consistent with the anxieties shown and the instructions given at the SRC Executive Committee meeting of July 20-21.

DIAGNOSIS

After receipt of the grant from the Fund for the Republic, SRC central staff sought to stimulate the reformation of the Mississippi Division into the Mississippi Council on Human Relations. Local Mississippi people, both Negro and white, came together and agreed to assume the responsibility of organizing, strengthening, and directing a professionally staffed human relations agency which was to be affiliated with the Southern Regional Council.

The leadership of this group fell largely to Rabbi Mantinband and Msgr. Brunini, both of whom stated at that time that in a state that is 90 per cent Protestant -- mostly Baptist and Methodist -- they questioned the wisdom of the selection of non-Protestant leadership for the Council.

When the time came to select professional staff, several applicants were interviewed. Two were selected: Rev. Dixon as Executive Director, and Mrs. Lyells as Associate Director. Both agreed to accept their appointments, but Mr. Dixon withdrew within a week, leaving Mrs. Lyells as the only professional staff member.

The Mississippi Council did not, at the time of its formation, at the time of employment of professional staff, or at any other time intervening between then and now, ever announce its existence publicly. Unlike every other state organization, the Mississippi Council is known only to its members, and as far as the general public is concerned, is non-existent.

Office space was sought in Jackson. Since the only staff person was a Negro, it seemed impossible to locate the office in other than a "Negro" district. This was done apparently with Board approval. In a short time, however, questions arose as to whether this location would

identify the Mississippi Council as just another "Negro" organization -- and dissatisfaction over the location of the office was expressed. The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Council, however, never acted upon this matter.

The relationship between staff and Board has not been a happy one. There has been a serious personality problem involved in the relationship of the state chairmen and the top staff person. They found it difficult to reach a meeting of the minds. Complaints about staff inefficiency and ineffectiveness were sent to the SRC central office but, as far as we know, were not discussed with the Executive Committee or the Board of the Mississippi Council. The local policy-making group was either unable, unwilling, or was never given the opportunity to resolve differences between officers and staff. The Board itself seemed to lack cohesiveness and decisiveness.

Along toward the close of 1955, two new staff members were added. Two half-time associate directors, one white and one Negro. Before long there appeared a division in the staff.

At the close of 1955, Rabbi Mantinband declined to stand for reelection as Board Chairman and, with a sense of frustration, discouragement, and disappointment, wrote the SRC central office of his dissatisfaction with staff-Board relationship, declaring a "defiant and stand-offish" attitude on the part of the Executive Director.

In early 1956, Mrs. W. H. Ratliffe, prominent Methodist churchwoman, was elected State Chairman. She had previous commitments to church work which kept her out of the state a good deal of the time. She visited the SRC central office and expressed a desire to make the Mississippi Council work more effectively. Antagonisms soon developed between the new Chairman and the Executive Director. Complaints about staff were sent to the SRC central office; apparently they were not brought before the Mississippi Council Executive Committee. Several SRC staffers who had contact with the sit uation felt that a lingering paternalism on the part of some top Board people added to the difficulties of the situation. With a sense of frustration and discouragement, Mrs. Ratliffe resigned as Chairman in June, 1956.

SRC central office has had reports on the difficulties in Mississippi from many people. Frank Loescher of the Fund for the Republic after his trip to Mississippi questioned the wisdom of continuing aid to our state organization. Harold Fleming after his trip to Mississippi reported the general discouragement of the people with whom he talked. Mrs. Tilly after several trips in the state reported that the state organization was not well accepted among many liberal people. Mrs. Valien after conferring with the leadership of the Mississippi Council at the Hard Core Conference in Atlanta, reported that under the present leadership she doubted whether the Council could make much progress. C. H. Parrish and Fred Routh have expressed concern on numerous occasions about the Mississippi situation. Yet both of us had hoped all along that the situation might be salvaged.

Memorandum - 3
July 30, 1956

Both of us went out to Jackson July 2-3 and talked with numerous people about the situation in Mississippi and the condition of the Mississippi Council. We talked with such people as Boyd Campbell, past president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Rex Brown, Chairman of the Board, Mississippi Power and Light; Purser Hewitt, Editor of the Jackson Clarion-Ledger; about the conditions in Mississippi and the possibility of any human relations agency being effective at the time. We talked with Dean Ferguson of Millsaps College, Mr. S. W. Miller, Mrs. Ratliffe, and Dr. Reddix, about the problems of the Mississippi Council. Though we talked with each of these persons individually, the general consensus was:

1. There was a general lessening of tension in Mississippi at the present time.

2. That the Citizens' Councils, though powerful, were not nearly as strong as press reports might indicate.

3. That several prominent churchmen felt they had personally made a mistake in not taking a more active interest in seeking to maintain law and order and decency in Mississippi.

NOTE: Of special interest to us they also felt:

1. There was need for such an organization as the Mississippi Council on Human Relations.

2. That it could function on an integrated basis.

3. That the Mississippi Council, as now constituted, could not be very effective and could not gain the respect of the people needed.

PRESCRIPTION

In the light of the foregoing diagnosis, we are forced to conclude that only drastic action by the Board of the Mississippi Council can salvage the operation in that state. We, here at the Atlanta office, will have to be convinced that the situation there is not hopeless, as it now appears; and that the allocation of funds to the Mississippi Council is not a waste of money needed desperately elsewhere.

Such action might, as a minimum, involve:

1. The reorganization of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Council so as to make it more representative. New members should be added now. If necessary, the state constitutional provisions covering this may have to be suspended and a mail ballot of membership taken;

2. A reappraisal of the effectiveness of the present staff, clearing up the repeated charges of inefficiency that have been made;

3. The setting-up by the Board of the Mississippi Council of a program of activities which will have a reasonable chance of success.

We therefore recommend that:

1. Unless substantial evidence, not now available to us, is adduced to justify the continuation of the Mississippi Council, that funds be withdrawn after September 30, 1956, and that plans be made to service Mississippi from the central office;

2. The Mississippi Council, in line with the action taken by the Executive Committee of SRC, be placed on "provisional status" from this date until the end of our fiscal year -- September 30, 1956;

3. We further recommend that the Assistant Directors for State Organizations visit Mississippi again about the middle of September, in order to make a new evaluation of the program there.

eab/
8/1/56

July 30, 1956

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Assistant Director of Education
American Federation of Labor and
Congress of Industrial Organizations
815 Sixteenth Street N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Guernsey:

This is in reply to your recent letter to George Mitchell concerning the pamphlet "Three Views of the Segregation Decisions". I am sending you separately five additional copies.

We printed only a limited quantity of this pamphlet, mainly for distribution to our mailing list. However, we are considering a second printing for wider distribution. If we go ahead with that, I will let you know and will appreciate your help in publicising it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 30, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

I'm afraid we can't do anything to advance the cause of the Martins' vacation. New South can't qualify for a representative, because of our rigidly non-political position.

I referred your request to Fred, but he was similarly devoid of ideas. The only way I know of getting in is to have an influential friend connected with the convention. Can't you pull one out of the hat?

Sorry we can't help on so worthy an effort.

Sincerely

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 30, 1956

Mrs. J. M. V. Macklin
Tulsa Council of Churches
515 South Denver
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Macklin:

We have only a limited supply of the pamphlet "Three Views of the Segregation Decisions". However, I am sending you separately the dozen copies you requested since we value the use you will mkke of them.

We may later undertake a second printing for wider distribution in which case we will let you know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 30, 1956

Mr. Don E. Andrews
Box 357
Fairhope, Ala.

Dear Mr. Andrews:

This is to acknowledge with appreciation your check for $5 and your request for extra copies of the pamphlet "Three Views of the Segregation Decisions".

I am sending you half a dozen copies separately. I would send a larger quantity, but our printing was a limited one mainly aimed at circularising our mailing list. We are glad that you find the pamphlet useful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 30, 1956

Mr. Tilman C. Cothran
Agricultural, Mechanical and
Normal College
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Cothran:

Thank you for the county by county data on registration, which I have found most interesting. I'm looking forward to your final report.

Enclosed is a check for the expenses reported on the vouchers accompanying your letter.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

July 30, 1956

Mr. Solomon Sutker
2407 Camden Road
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Sol:

Thanks for your letter of July 26 and the account of your latest activities. Enclosed is a check for your latest vouchers. According to our records, this brings your expenditure to date up to $790.

I realize that you have a particularly difficult assignment, in view of the lack of centrally located data on registration and voting in North Carolina, so we will stretch the budget by the additional $300 you estimate will be needed to finish the job. I realize that you are contributing a good bit of your own time to the survey, and we are grateful.

I report to you with some diffidence that the Flemings are about to go away for a two week vacation. Considering how hard people like you will be working, I would feel guilty if it weren't for the fact that we are taking the young ones. As it is I don't expect to go soft.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

July 30, 1956

Mr. Morton T. Elder
P. O. Box 3821
Fairview Station
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Morton:

Thanks for your extimate of travel expenses for the duration of the project.

According to our records, this would run the total cost of travel for the project close to $2,000. While this is reasonable in the light of the extensive itinerary, it does squeeze us rather badly. If you can figure out a way to compress time or travel so as to knock off about $300, that would be a considerable help. Maybe we can, after all, let Muravchik pick up the tab for one or two trips which will be of major benefit to him.

In any case, will you work at it as you go along and keep me posted on the prospects.

The young man I spoke to you about - Ben Oko - arrived in Atlanta today. We haven't yet figured out in detail what he will do, but we may be in touch with you about the possibility of his going along on one of your expeditions.

I will be out of the office for two weeks, between August 6 and August 17, so that there is little point in your paying a visit to the Atlanta office during that period. Will I be getting a report of your recent activities before I leave?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.(2)

July 30, 1956

Mr. Joseph H. Baird
1189 Ponce de Leon Avenue N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Baird:

We read your article on the Council with great interest, and I do not want the occasion to pass without expressing our thanks. We particularly appreciate the thoughtfulness and care for accurateness with which you handled the assignment.

If at any time we can assist you in your coverage of the area, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

July 30, 1956

Detective Carney
Police Department
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Carney:

First of all, I wish to thank you for accepting the invitation to speak on juvenile delinquency at Clark College, August 2, at 2:00 P.M. The meeting will be in Haven-Warren Hall on Chestnut Street.

As I explained in our telephone conversation, please make a presentation of what the police department does for our delinquent children. After the three speakers on the panel (you and the others), we are dividing the women into three groups. Your group, of course, will be discussing what you have just said, asking you a great many questions. This will take thirty to forty minutes. Then the three groups will come together with their findings and we may need you again to answer questions.

You will be doing a great job for us and we will be very grateful.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly

July 30, 1956

Mr. William Gordon, Managing Editor
Atlanta Daily World
210 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Following our telephone conversation giving you a rather general idea as to the meeting at Clark College, 2:00 P. M., Thursday, August 2.

First, this meeting will be held in Haven-Warren Hall, facing Chestnut Street. We are asking you to speak twenty minutes on the political issues of today. Then the women will be divided into three groups. You will have the group that will discuss what you have said on political issues, answering questions they may ask you, and giving them more information. This will possibly take about forty minutes. Then the groups will come back together with their findings and if you can stay longer, it will mean you would again be questioned by the group.

I am deeply appreciative that you have accepted this invitation to share in the program of the Methodist Christian Church Women of Georgia.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

cc: to RHA 7/30/56

July 30, 1956

Mr. Warner Moss
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Warner:

You have made most handsome arrangements, and we are deeply grateful. Please lock and confirm them with Mr. Batchelder.

We will contract for the two taverns. We will need no banquet. We will hold our meetings in the basement of the Brick House Tavern. I am a little skittish about that for fear it won't be large enough for 40-50 meeters; Batchelder would know. And we could do some squeezing.

We assume that our meals would be as before; that is we would wander over to the Lodge and use the general dining room.

Our meetings would begin at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14th. I would not expect a night meeting that evening, but the Board may fool me and put one in. We would continue to meet until about noon on Thursday, November 15th, and then we would all be scattering during the afternoon of the 15th.

It is extremely kind of the Restoration to take us in, and we are very grateful to them. And I am grateful to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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P.S. Got your wire, and the Treasurer will be writing to Batchelder right away. As S.C.M. would say, "profoundly grateful!"

July 30, 1956

Mr. Fred G. Walcott
Co-Director of the Workshop in
Human Relations
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Walcott:

All is in good order. I will leave Atlanta on Eastern's Flight 702 at 6:00 p.m., Monday, August 13th. This baby puts down at the Detroit airport at 10:32 p.m. on the 13th, and I will be craning my neck to find you or somebody at the Willow Run Airport that will haul me over to Ann Arbor.

Do swing on to the room at the Michigan Union for the evening of Monday, August 13th. I thought the charge too high. But I was comfortable and I must learn not to complain.

My plans for leaving are to catch, on Tuesday, August 14th, Eastern's Flight 777 which leaves Willow Run at 5:30 in the afternoon Sout h bound for Atlanta.

So pour me on in the morning and early p.m. hours Tuesday, August 14th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 30, 1956

Mr. William F. Schnitzler
Secretary-Treasurer
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schnitzler:

We are as grateful as we can be for the AFL-CIO's kind donation of $2,000, which came today.

We need the money and value it; we value even more the support of the organized labor movement.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $2,000

July 30, 1956

Mr. Alexander F. Miller
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Alex:

I would certainly love to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

July 30, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

The February 1 Newsletter spoke of Arna Bontemps' book. I send you ours for your quickest reading. Get it back and we will send it to the Tennessee Council and on down the line. Extraordinary commendation will be meted out to that state office that reads the book the fastest and gives it back the quickest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Under separate cover:
Arna Bontemps' Story of the Negro

July 31, 1956

A I R M A I L

Mr. Fred G. Walcott
Co-Director of the Workshop in
Human Relations
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Walcott:

I got to buying an airplane ticket and I found out that Eastern continues to run clear around by Charlotte to get to Detroit. Capital goes straight. So I bought Capital.

I now leave Atlanta at 4:15 p.m., August 13th via Capital's Flight 84, which puts down at Detroit at 7:53 p.m. on the 13th. On the afternoon of the 14th I leave Willow Run Airport at 4:35 p.m. and get into Atlanta at a pleasant 8:40 in time to go to sleep.

I will not be at ease that you have received this news until you put a scribble on this enclosed postcard which says, "I got the dope."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

July 31, 1956

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

The meeting of our Executive Committee shifted the Board meeting, which was set for November 14th at Tuskegee Institute, to be November 14th and 15th at Williamsburg. The Restoration will give us two taverns, and we may dine variously at the Lodge.

We expect the meeting to cover the afternoon of November 14th and the morning of November 15th. I give you this earliest notice in hope that your shining face will be there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 31, 1956

Reverend Thomas F. Kerin
Our Lady of the Hills Camp
Hendersonville, North Carolina

Dear Father Kerin:

I do greatly appreciate your kind note, and Bishop Waters' most amazingly generous check!

Put me down as a friend and you will find me thereabouts, perhaps more often than you wish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 31, 1956

The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters
Bishop of Raleigh
15 N. McDowell Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

My dear Bishop Waters:

You were extremely generous to send the check for $75.00. I am seldom so well paid for my speech!

And with company and friendship besides!

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 31, 1956

The Christian Conscience
P. O. Box 694
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sirs:

You folks are doing some smart thinking. I thought you would like to know that in this quarter you are appreciated.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 31, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

I tried to telephone you today, but honorable office was a d.a. And I tried to telephone Carroll Brooke and he was a goner. So I sat down to write you.

Yesterday a Mrs. Morris Brown of 201 Sunset Avenue in Charlottesville telephoned me and said that the defenders of whatever they call themselves after the recent Charlottesville decision held a meeting so notorious for fireworks and poppycock that no inconsiderable amount of feeling the opposite way began to appear in Charlottesville. And on the basis of that, she and friends are trying to organize a Charlottesville chapter of the Virginia Council on Human Relations. It had come to her ears that we in Atlanta had two inflexible rules: (a) you gotta' be against segregated schools; and (b) you can't play politics.

I explained to her what flexibility there was in rule b, and told her that our own method was to observe the spirit of the law and therefore we very seldom got accused of violating the letter. And I very carefully commended that course to her. I also told her what I have from time to time ~~tell you~~ mention to tell you. The man Hardy Dillard, who teaches law at the University, is son to the now deceased James H. Dillard who ran the Jeames Fund decade upon decade and for whom Dillard University is named. The old gentleman was a distinguished sometime Virginian. I am satisfied that the young man is wise and on the right side, though probably silent.

I don't remember what else was significant in Mrs. Brown's conversation. But I hasten to make report to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Carroll Brooke

~~RMk~~ FHR

July 31, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

I read your nice Volume I, #3, particularly about setting up local councils.

A wise old man I knew years ago said, "George, the only thing immortal on this earth is a community idea." You are sticking an idea into new communities.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

July 31, 1956

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

Please put your thinking cap on and send suggestions to me for our meeting, October 30-31.

Please answer these questions:

1. Do we need to spend any time on resistance movements, or would you just put in a short summary of their activities in each state?

2. Do you think this should be an intense workshop, facing such questions as what could be done by a community when a law has declared segregation must end in a particular institution (such as the college at Tuscaloosa)?

3. Techniques for working quietly in a community with Church groups, P-TA's, etc.

4. Do we need a speaker on support of the Supreme Court? Mr. Ralph McGill, of the Atlanta Constitution, speaks very forthrightly for the Supreme Court.

5. Dr. Miller, of Nashville, Tennessee and the Southern Baptist Board, is to be with us. Should we give him plenty of time to build up our courage and strengthen our conviction that we have a definite responsibility?

6. Should we spend any time on the study of propaganda?

Please give these matters consideration and make suggestions, and we will do our best to see that they are carried out.

Our general purpose, I believe, will be to divide the women into several groups, and bring them back for reports.

John Griffin, of Emory, is our best leader in this section in adult education, and would be a good leader of the reports of the discussion groups. We also have hope that Father Shean, of the Committee of the South of the Catholic Church, will be with us.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

July 31, 1956

Reverend Maxie Dunnam
Box 1375
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Reverend Dunnam:

A list of the colleges desegregating in recent years is enclosed. An article, "New Ways on The Campus" by Guy Johnson appeared in the February 1955 New South. This publication and fairly extensive news clippings on Desegregation in Higher Education may be used in our office between nine and five o'clock, Monday-Friday.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys
Enclosure

cc: RHA

July 31, 1956

Mrs. Morris Brown
201 Sunset Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Brown:

I am grateful for your telephone call yesterday. It does not seem to me right that you should stand its cost personally. If now, or a week or a month from now, when your bills come in you will let me know what the cost of the telephone call was, we will open the till and see if it can float the bill.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Southern Re[redacted]

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, [redacted]

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July ~~August~~ 31, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Board Members of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

At the meeting of the Southern Regional Council Executive Committee, July 20-21, a general review of the progress of state organizations affiliated with the Southern Regional Council was undertaken.

After deliberation the following resolution was passed:

> "The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, taking into account the mutual responsibility of a central organization and its state affiliates, instructs the staff of the Southern Regional Council as follows: When it finds any state organization less than satisfactory, after systematic program review and assessment (the terms of which shall be notified in advance) to place that organization in provisional status for a stated period, at the end of which time, on the decision of the Executive Committee, funds may be withheld."

We recognize that there are many good people who have worked with the Mississippi Council whose services have been invaluable to it, to us, and to the state. However, because of the unstable condition of the leadership of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations, its comparative ineffectiveness, and the special joint report of C. H. Parrish and F. B. Routh, we have reluctantly decided:

1. To put the Mississippi Council on provisional status from August 1 to September 30.

2. That prior to September 30 the Assistant Directors for State Organizations will go to Mississippi to determine what has been done to improve the situation.

3. That unless substantial evidence of improvement is found, we propose to recommend to the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council that direct financial aid to the Mississippi Council be no longer given after September 30, 1956, and plans made to service Mississippi from the Central Office -- perhaps with occasional clerical aid for the state organization.

A detailed memorandum, on the visit to Mississippi made by C. H. Parrish and F. B. Routh July 2nd and 3rd, has been sent to Mrs. Wheatley as acting Chairman of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations (10 copies), to Msgr. Brunini as Secretary-Treasurer of the MCHR (one copy) and to Mrs. Lyells as Executive Director (one copy).

A summary of the detailed memo is enclosed, and particular attention is called to the section headed "Prescription," which should be the subject of official consideration by the Board or the Executive Committee of the MCHR.

Final determination of the status of the Mississippi Council will depend upon the degree of improvement of the whole operation, the willingness of the Board to strengthen itself and to accept responsibility and the clearing up of staff-Board relationships.

GSM/eab
Encl: Summary Report of CHP & FBR

July 31, 1956

Mr. Warner Moss
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Warner:

Maybe I have and maybe I have not a little plum to pass out. My secretary says she doesn't think she will go to Williamsburg November 14th and 15th to take the Minutes because she thinks I work her so hard she doesn't get to see anything, or ride in the fancy coaches. We could pay some top-hole stenographic person thereabouts $40.00 or even $50.00 for taking the notes and typing them up. We have had sad experiences of low-hole stenographers who don't get it.

We have got some months yet to worry about it. But I thought I would see if you know a lady thereabouts who would do the squiggling. How does it sound?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RHA (no daily file copy) ✓

Same letter sent:

cc: GSA

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Mr. Paul Christopher
Mr. Rufus E. Clement
Mr. Albert W. Dent
Mr. John A. Griffin
Mr. Joseph Haas
Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
Mr. Duncan Hunter
Mr. Harry V. Richardson
Father Shean
Mr. Wesley, Carter
Miss Josephine Wilkins
Mr. Paul D. Williams
Mr. Marion A. Wright

July 25, 1956

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

At the recent Executive Committee meeting on July 20-21 the members present voted to have a special meeting of the Committee in September, 1956. This meeting will be held in Atlanta.

The dates suggested for the meeting are September 14-15 or September 21-22. The dates fall on Friday and Saturday respectively.

Please let us know by return mail which of the above dates is more convenient for you. Urgent and pressing problems in regards to the future of the Southern Regional Council will be discussed at this meeting and your presence will be needed.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

SUMMARY OF JOINT REPORT TO DR. GEORGE S. MITCHELL
by C. H. Parrish and Frederick B. Routh
re
The Conditions of the Mississippi Council

The Mississippi Council apparently has been unable to get off the ground with an effective program and a cohesive functioning organization. It is not widely known in the state. There have been numerous reports to the central office of difficulties about office location, about staff-Board relations, and about Board assumption of responsibility. The situation in the state is extremely difficult and yet, on the basis of discussions with a number of prominent Mississipians, there is a recognized need for a human relations agency in the state, but that the Mississippi Council, as now consitituted, cannot be very effective and cannot gain the respect of the people it needs. Because of frustrations, one state chairman declined to stand for reelection and the newly elected chairman resigned from office. The leadership in the organization has been unsteady.

PRESCRIPTION

In the light of the foregoing, we conclude that only drastic action by the Board of the Mississippi Council can salvage the operation in that state. We at the Atlanta office will have to be convinced that the organizational situation there is not hopeless; and that the allocation of funds to the Mississippi Council is not a waste of money needed desperately elsewhere.

The needed action, at a minimum, involves, we think:

1. The reorganization of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Council, so as to make it more representative. New members should be added now. If necessary, the state constitutional provisions covering this may have to be superseded by a mail ballot of the membership;

2. A reappraisal of the effectiveness of the present staff, clearing up the repeated charges of inefficiency that have been made;

3. The setting-up by the Board of the Mississippi Council of a program of activities which will have a reasonable chance of success.

We therefore recommend that:

1. Unless substantial evidence, not now available to us, is adduced to justify the continuation of the Mississippi Council, funds be withdrawn after September 30, 1956, and that plans be made to service Mississippi from the central office, or with minor direct aid for clerical purposes.

2. The Mississippi Council, in line with the action taken by the Executive Committee of SRC, be placed on "provisional status" from this date until the end of our fiscal year -- September 30, 1956.

3. We further recommend that the Assistant Directors for State Organizations visit Mississippi again about the middle of September, in order to make a new evaluation of the program there.

eab/

cc: GSA

August 1, 1956

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

So far we have not hear from you in reference to a suggested date for a meeting of the Nominating Committee in Atlanta.

The dates suggested were:

Tuesday - August 28
Friday - August 31
Monday - September 17
Tuesday - September 18

Please let us have your preference on any of the aboce dates, or any other date that you may suggest. I am enclosing a postal card for your reply.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA: mef

Encl.

cc: GSA

August 1, 1956

Dr. C. G. Gomillion, Dean
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

We want to thank you for making arrangements for our annual meeting which was to be held at Tuskegee.

The Executive Committee at its meeting on July 20-21, 1956, decided that the meeting would be held in Williamsburg, Virginia.

With kindest regards to you and the Tuskegee staff, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

cc: GSA

August 1, 1956

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
P. O. Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Rev. Brooke:

I cannot recall whether or not I received a reply to my letter of July 11 requesting that you select a convenient date for the meeting of the Nominating Committee in Atlanta. The file on this matter was inadvertently misplaced.

However, I would appreciate your letting me know your preferences. The dates suggested were:

Tuesday - August 28
Friday - August 31
Monday - September 17
Tuesday - September 18

I am enclosing a postal card for reply.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Encl.

August 1, 1956

Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle
Box 3183
University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Patty:

In re local chapters.

The old Interracial Commission, and its various state interracial committees (especially the one in Virginia) had an abundance of local chapters, (indeed were built on local groups). It was a local program. I have on pondering about it concluded that the old movement was respectable partly because it never challenged segregation. And nowadays we do.

SRC in its stretch from 1944 to 1954 mostly just banded together its people in each state as a statewide division of SRC; volunteer officers, an annual meeting, an occasional visit or a pronouncement; little else. So that local groups fell into disuse. But a few kept going. Eight or ten in Georgia, one in Chattanooga, the women in Norfolk, a group in Houston, etc. And some of them grew with the times into helping to build an unsegregated society.

Right now for the state organizations to push for local activity, local meetings of white and Negro people, matched in background as well as may be, and working together at some common project, are the solution to the problem of the day in the South. Our job everywhere should be to get the habit of working together going. We should make little effort (I think) to corral all such local groups into being organizationally local chapters of our state organizations. I would be content (though I don't know that the state organizations would agree) if in each such local group a good sprinkling of persons were members of the state organization. Indeed when a local group becomes a branch of the state organization the first question that pops up is the one about political activity. The only prescription we know

on that is for the state organization to require that all members of the local group be members of the state organization (thus accepting its limitation on political activity), plus a requirement by the state organization that the local group submit its constitution and by-laws (or either if only one) to the state organization for approval, and obtain advance approval of any changes in the local by-laws and/or constitution. That seems to manage the matter formally.

But you are left with the problem of what political activity is. Without going to the law-books what is said in the statute is that "no substantial part of the activity" of a tax-exempt organization "shall be carrying on propaganda or attempting to influence legislation." Courts have not sharpened the definition of "no substantial part." I have heard five per cent mentioned as insubstantial, but not authoritatively. I think the only rule is to obey the spirit of the law, and refrain from all political activity, and then an outfit will hardly be accused of violating the letter of the law.

However, there is a recognized distinction between being for a principle and being for or against a particular bill or a particular law or a particular candidate. Thus, it is commonly believed that a tax-exempt organization can pretty freely be, say, for or against honesty in government; but the moment somebody introduces into the legislature a particular bill to require or get rid of honesty in government, the tax-exempt organization must cease its educational efforts on that bill. One could, I feel sure, be in favor of obeying the Supreme Court of the United States; but the moment there is a particular bill to circumvent or comply, the non-political group should withhold comment. Similarly with candidates. You can be for decent men in government, but when Jack Jones says he is going to run, you must not say whether in your opinion he is decent or indecent.

There is extra reason why our local group should be careful; I have learned from experience that anyone who has earned the confidence of large numbers of Negro persons will be sought after for his or her supposed influence with "the Negro vote." We just shouldn't be interested in how people vote, though we can be interested in getting more people to register to vote -- but not for or against something or somebody.

These restrictions are not as hard as they seem. Because we usually have so few friends that we don't amount to much in the way of a vote, anyway. Our effective role is in setting an example for and educating opinion. Silly for us, feeble as we usually are, to bluster and threaten to politic some bad egg out of office!

Still, I stick to the point: our job is to get things done. And if some local group wants to do things (a'right) and doesn't want to hook to us, bless them and help them. If we have good ideas (and we have) they will shine through, and come to be appreciated.

All of the above is subject to the rule that the Virginia Council on Human Relations is an autonomous body, and makes its own rules.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Carroll Brooke
Mr. John H. Marion
(plus copy of incoming dtd 7/29/56)

August 1, 1956

Mrs. Cary Robertson
Anchorage,
Kentucky

Dear Priscilla:

Two or three days ago, in some napping half-hour, the mail was brought in, with your esteemed letter. I read through it for the gist; laid it aside for reading with care, and now don't readily find it. But I do remember I was to do your maggie an article.

I happened to wake up in the stilly watches, a week or so ago, and climbed out of bed and put down these two pages. Would they do? If not, delete 'em, and I'll try again. I could lengthen this, but it doesn't seem to me called-for; so I send as is.

Hope to find letter, and enjoy detail.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. "Leadership, Where Next?"

By: George S. Mitchell

LEADERSHIP, WHERE NEXT?

An old gentleman I knew used to say that the history of the South falls into four periods of State leadership. Down to 1820 Virginia led, with all that galaxy of statesmanship. From about 1820 until 1865 South Carolina led, and with nullification and secession led us to slaughter. From 1875 until perhaps 1890 Georgia led, with Henry Grady and the doctrine of industrialization, and with the Atlanta Exposition. The old gentleman was speaking twenty years ago at the University of North Carolina, and he pleased the audience there by saying, as was quite true, that from 1890 North Carolina had clearly had the leadership of the South.

I suggest that in recent years leadership has left North Carolina. And it is at the moment hard to name the State on which it will light.

Pretty clearly the test of the present and of the coming period is in the field of interracial adjustment. That Southern State which shows us how to achieve recognition of equal human dignity will guide us all into harbor.

Of recent years we have been following North Carolina's lead toward the industrial society, but the echoes of the maxims which South Carolina set out more than a hundred years ago have been heavy in the wind. The political accompaniment for our age of industrial achievement has been the tatoo which South Carolina beat out to rally us for armed defense of slavery. And that angry drum-beat hardly fits our present task. The need is domestic understanding and mutual hard work to hold our rate of prosperous growth; the drums that beat are not for mutual growth.

Who will take the lead for this new time?

Three candidates have appeared so far.

Eight years ago when there was the long string of successful court suits to open our Southern State Universities to Negro students one State gave the whole South a gasp of hope when it said to its Negro applicant, "Come on in; glad to have you, and we won't go to law over a principle that's perfectly clear!" That was Arkansas. And she has followed up that lead, and made the University of Arkansas an institution where dignity is respected, and privilege is not abused. And Arkansas people have opened several of their public schools in the same spirit. It is altogether likely that for such a grace she will be rewarded with that utmost desideratum, the voluntary cooperation of the Negro people in easing the changeover to the new public policy. The palm may well rest on Arkansas.

Kentucky's another claimant. Louisville led the way years ago by suppressing its municipally supported Negro college, and combining it with the University of Louisville. She voluntarily dented and then repealed her State law requiring segregated education. Long ago segregation died away on most common carriers. There is now, I am told, no single county in Kentucky which has not either had a school or two to open or announce its date for opening, or does not touch a county of which that is true. And the change has been quietly made, with some study and conference beforetimes, but by negotiation and not by the issue of battles at law.

Tennessee has a claim. Florida has had her sparks of better purpose. Parts of Texas have done well. For a few brief months Virginians even dared to hope that the dry bones of her leadership would come to flesh, but she's back to dry bones now!

We need urgently new leadership. The contest is on! Which among the dozen of us will find the method of agreement for change, and lead the South into a public mood that fits our modern way for making our living?

For Mrs. Carey Robertson
August 2, 1956

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

DAILY FILE

MEMORANDUM

August 1, 1956

To: Members of the SRC Board

From: G. S. Alexander, Administrative Assistant

Re: Change of Place for Annual Meeting

It was decided at the last meeting of the Executive Committee that the place of the annual meeting should be changed to Williamsburg, Virginia. We are therefore notifying you that the annual meeting will be held November 14-15 at Williamsburg, Virginia. The first session will begin on Wednesday, November 14, at 2:00 P. M., and the last session will be held on Thursday morning, November 15, from 9:00 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

Arrangements for lodging and meals will be made through this office at a later date.

August 1, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Yesterday's letter to you re the move to Williamsburg had a minor error. The meeting is set for the afternoon of Wednesday, November 14th and the morning of Thursday, November 15th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 1, 1956

Mr. E. B. Henderson
Highland Beach
Ann Arundel County
Maryland

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Dr. Mitchell passed the bibliography you sent to him along to the information staff of the Council for consideration. We are sorry to have kept it so long, but it was necessary for several persons to read it before reaching a decision.

We like the bibliography and are especially pleased with the portion relating to younger people. However, because of cost and other considerations, in the past we have not printed bibliographical material but mimeographed it instead.

Since you already have an offer to print it, we suggest that it might be better to take advantage of such an offer. If the printing goes through, we will be happy to discuss the possibility of buying a quantity for our use. If, for any reason, the printing does not go through; we would like to discuss the further possibility of mimeographing it under the Council's imprint.

Again, we hope we have not delayed the project too long.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo
Enc.

August 1, 1956

Miss Margaret Garrity
The President's Committee on Government Contracts
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Maggie:

Thank you for your generosity in sending us twelve copies of the Manual. I am sending you a list of our state directors so that you may place them on your mailing list.

If I am not mistaken, however, this was done some time ago, and you might check your mailing list for their names.

I have passed your warm regards on to George and John, and they return them raised to the second power.

We will be glad to share any material we have with you for the Minority Manpower Conference being held in December. We expect most of our information in the special investigating program to be complete by September.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 1, 1956

Mr. Burton I. Gordin
Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations
800 Commercial Trust Building
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Burt:

Thank you for your letter of July 27, and for the special effort you have made to seek a speaking engagement for me in Philadelphia. I hope something will come of it, and only wish that I could attend the Board meeting entirely out of my own pocket. Just now, however, that is out of the question, so your efforts are much appreciated.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 1, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

You asked in a recent letter where I found the statement by J. Edgar Hoover endorsing the NAACP. It was in their promotional pamphlet, An American Organization, on page 10. We have sent each of our state organizations a supply of these pamphlets. If you think it would be desirable, you could get a copy of his full statement from Henry L. Moon, of the New York office of the NAACP.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 1, 1956

Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson, Director
Region 1-D, UAW-CIO
215 Sheldon Avenue, S. E.
Grand Rapids 3, Michigan

Dear Ken:

We have received your check for my expenses in connection with the UAW summer camp. Thank you very much. I greatly enjoyed my visit with the Brothers at the camp, and hope it was worth the money you all have put in it.

I would be glad to speak again with any other group you might have.

Fraternally,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 1, 1956

Mrs. Septima Clark
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Thank you for your letter of July 25, and I will be up there on schedule on the 8th of August.

I am glad to find that you have some union workers signed up for this go round.

Looking forward to seeing you and Myles when I get there.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

AIR

August 1, 1956

Mrs. James M. Todd, Chairman
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2005 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mollie:

I know that you have been industriously looking for an Executive Director for the Tennessee Council. We have run across a person here who is seeking a change of employment and would be interested in the job. He is fairly well known to Dr. Mitchell, and has been in this same building with us for lo, these many years. I have talked with several people who know him and they all speak highly of him. He indicated that he needed a salary of about $6,000 but probably would accept $5,500. As you know, SRC will underwrite $5,000 of your Executive Director's salary for the coming fiscal year, October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957.

We do not mean to push this man in any unusual fashion, but would like to add his name to the list of possibilities your committee has. In regard to selection of professional personnel by any state affiliate, we have the power of veto for cause but do not have any power of selection. Properly this belongs to the state organization and we would never seek to usurp the prerogatives of one of our state organizations.

I note that George will be in Nashville on Friday, and you can further discuss this chap with him.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 1, 1956

N. B. Close
General Delivery
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear N. B. Close:

I am not quite sure that N. B. Close is your real name, but as you have given General Delivery as your address, I will hope this letter will reach you.

Thank you so much for sending me the copies of Southern Reposure. I am certainly making use of them. The paper is delightful and you have used ridicule and satire as good weapons, and I hope those to whom I have given the copies will make use of the ammunition in it.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

cc - GSA

August 1, 1956

Mr. I. H. Burney
Afro-American Life Insurance Co.
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Burney:

Inadvertently your letter in regards to a suggested meeting date for the Nominating Committee was misplaced. I would appreciate your letting me know again your preference for a meeting date.

I am sorry to have caused you this extra trouble. I am enclosing a postal card for your reply.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

cc: GSA

August 1, 1956

Dr. Guy Johnson
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Johnson:

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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

August 1, 1956

Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Miss Elizabeth:

Each business day I have been trying to get to the Minutes and do my part and boil down what you wrote in extenso. And I keep letting other things get ahead of me.

Better luck tomorrow.

Meanwhile I have had occasion to check at one or two vital points and have found your account of what happened exactly ~~what happened~~.

And the check got written today and should be mailed to you tonight.

We continue abidingly grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC #209 $40.00

cc: RHA

August 1, 1956

Mr. Donald G. McGarey
The Pennsylvania State University
College of Education
Department of Education
University Park, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McGarey:

The ticket I originally bought was Atlanta-Pittsburgh and went via Capital, plus Atlanta-New York via Philipsburg.

I failed to make the original plane, and I had therefore to travel via Capital Air Lines -- Atlanta-Pittsburgh -- and via Allegheny Air Lines -- Atlanta-Altoona -- and subsequently to Philipsburg-Newark.

I calculated the charge to State College as the price of a round trip ticket Altanta-Pittsburgh, Altoona-Pittsburgh-Atlanta, and so charged.

The New York end of the trip was the responsibility of another organization, which I duly billed.

I am enclosing a precious file copy of the travel charge slip as sent to us by the Capital Airlines. I would appreciate your returning it to me after it has met your needs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: RHA

August 1, 1956

Mr. Hodding Carter
The Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

Very nice to have your letter about the people in Indonesia, Mr. and Mrs. Baird.

I aimed a package at them, but my staff could not believe that I proposed to spend seven dollars and something Air Mail, and sent it by surface. They have sent the same package by Air Mail.

I hate to ask you to write us a check for the postage money, but I guess it is really right. If you will float the seven dollars, we will float the pennies!

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 2, 1956

Mr. Emanuel Muravchik
Jewish Labor Committee
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Manny:

My earnest apologies for not writing you about the community background section before now. The truth is, right after you sent it to me I was out of town for some days, and I had supposed you had gone ahead without the benefit of my reaction. It has just struck me that I may have your only copy of this latest draft. Sorry to hold it up.

I have looked it over carefully and have almost no changes to suggest. On page 1 I have jotted a couple of very minor changes. Otherwise I think the questionnaire should provide a good picture of the community background.

I glanced through the redraft of the other sections and thought it was very good. No criticisms or suggestions occurred to me.

I hope all goes well with your study.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

August 2, 1956

Mr. William P. Batchelder
Manager
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

Dr. Mitchell tells me that through Mr. Warner Moss at the College of William and Mary, you have agreed to accommodate the members of the Southern Regional Council Board of Directors at their Annual Meeting, November 14-15, 1956, at the Williamsburg Lodge. Thank you for this consideration.

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As to meals--the group would eat in the Lodge's general dining room at the regularly scheduled mealtimes.

Will you be so kind as to confirm these arrangements at your earliest convenience.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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P. S. Our staff, remembering yesteryear, ardently hopes that The Shop can go with the Brick House Tavern.

August 2, 1956

Mr. A. A. Philips
Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Philips:

The precautionary notice from Maryland Casualty stuck in the elevator gives the former unaltered telephone numbers. If some emergency should arise, it would be well if the notice could be redone with the numbers accurate for nowadays.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: GSA

August 2, 1956

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Thank you for your letter of July 31 in reference to the proposed meeting of the Nominating Committee. I had mailed a follow-up letter to you on August 1, which you may ignore.

As soon as a date has been finally selected, I will notify you. We hope that you will be able to attend this meeting, but will understand if you cannot.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

August 2, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

The latest edition of our promotion leaflet (copy enclosed to make sure this is the one you use) contains the choice words of praise of SRC. Use them freely, with our blessing.

I will look forward to seeing your fund raising leaflet.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

August 2, 1956

Mr. Harry W. Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I was glad to have your letter of July 31, and I hasten to answer your questions about the vouchers.

You may handle the matter of fees and expenses in any way you wish. This applies to the amount you may agree to pay a given consultant and to the arrangement which you make with him about expenses. In some states, the chief consultants have made arrangements with those assisting them to pay a flat amount per day which will cover both remuneration and expenses. If you wish to use this method, the daily amount should be filled in as a fee and a note written at the bottom indicating that this is intended to cover expenses as well.

The main point, however, is that you are free to make any financial arrangements you would like with those you bring in on the project.

The other state studies are progressing very well. In a few cases, I have already received the county by county registration figures, although it will be a while before the final reports begin to come in.

With all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 2, 1956

Mr. Wilson L. Farman
Associate Professor of Economics
Colgate University
Hamilton, New York

Dear Mr. Farman:

Of course I am your man again for October 8th to do the map, 10:00 - 12:00.

I will show; you may count on it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Mailed to:
30 Payne Street
Hamilton, New York

August 2, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Robert L. Kirkpatrick
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Mrs. Patey called me a couple of days ago from Covington in re the man Thomas. She has to be at Birmingham on the date of Thomas' arrival and does not return to Atlanta until the following day, August 4th.

I agreed to arrange to have Mr. Thomas met at the airport at his arrival on Friday, August 3rd. He will stay at my home that night and the next afternoon, Saturday the 4th, Mrs. Patey picks him up and takes him to her home. I am in Nashville the afternoon of the 3rd, but shall spend the morning of the 14th with the honorable gentleman. I am mildly a welshman myself and will enjoy him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 2, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

I received from Hank Brown a schedule for the Summer Institute of the Texas Federation of Labor.

They have me down to be lecturer each afternoon of the week of August 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, from 2:30 to 4:45.

So far as I am concerned such a schedule has to be the law of the Medes and Persians.

So if there is to be a Board meeting or some other occasion that I ought to be at, I think the only thing to do is to put it in a forenoon session and have somebody poised to scoot me back out to the Camp some minutes before 2:30 p.m. on that day. What say?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 2, 1956

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Leonard:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council July 20-21 a motion was passed accepting your resignation from the Board of the Southern Regional Council with great regret. I notify you of this so that you may know that the action is official.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 2, 1956

Mr. R. B. Atwood
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Atwood:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council July 20-21 your letter of resignation was read, and with strong expressions of regret accepted. I write this in order that you may know of the official action.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 2, 1956

Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Miss Elizabeth:

This morning I went through the Minutes and transferred directions about them to Mrs. Brantley's book. Never before in all history has this job of extracting Minutes from notes been so speedily done. Thy ladyship produced Minutes. For the last half hour I have been saying page 6 O.K. as is, page 10 O.K. as is, page 11 O.K. with one minor change. Most rare and unusual!

When we came to the business about the White House, I asked Harold to recompress that to his taste, and he will.

A most splendid bargain for us, and we are duly grateful, not just for the squiggles, but for the judgement and organizational discrimination.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 2, 1956

Dr. George L. Maddox
Millsaps College
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Dr. Maddox:

Dean Ferguson was good enough to suggest to us that you may be willing to undertake a quick survey of the status of Negro suffrage in Mississippi. We have such surveys under way in the other eleven Southern states. I am enclosing two memoranda which outline the data we are seeking and the financial and other arrangements of the project.

I should make it clear that we are thinking in terms of a speedy fact-finding job rather than a research project in the true meaning of the words. If at all possible, we would like to complete the fact-finding within two months. I realize, of course, that these limitations of time and money will yield us less than complete findings. However, since our aim is to draw on the twelve state reports for a region-wide summary, it is not necessary that each of them be able to stand alone as a finished study.

I don't know how hard it will be to collect the data in Mississippi, but I'm enclosing a copy of a letter from my friend Alex Heard at the University of North Carolina. As you will see, he reports that a considerable amount of information should already be available at the University of Mississippi.

I will look forward to hearing from you as soon as you have had a chance to consider the proposal, and I very much hope that you will find it possible to take it on.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

August 2, 1956

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Piedmont Publishing Company
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Reed:

I'm glad that Sol Sutker had a chance to talk to you about the voting study. It is going pretty well in all of the states, and I expect to have an interesting report some time in the Fall. You can be sure that I will send you a copy.

I'm sending you separately a copy of the June-July 1948 issue of New South, and a later issue of New South which ~~discussed and~~ dealt with the subject of Negro suffrage.

I read your recent speech before the Conference on Public Issues with interest and appreciation.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 2, 1956

Mr. H. S. Brown
Educational Director
Texas State Federation of Labor
412 Littlefield Building
Austin 15, Texas

Dear Hank:

I am very glad to have the schedule. I have written to Ed. Kloppe to say that if he wants me to come into Austin for some occasion of his it must be on any one of the mornings, and not on one of the afternoons.

Unrelated point, but I have bought a sleeper ticket to take me from Austin North toward Dallas late in the night of Friday, August 31st. So, if the crowd hangs around Friday night for a shindig, I am there to shindy. But Texas distances being what they are, I would expect everybody to light out for home sweet home the moment the last class is over on Friday.

I am really glad you are letting me come down, and I will have a good time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 2, 1956

Mr. J. H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

I thought the statement to the Legislators, which you so kindly sent me July 27th, was excellent. Well and rightly reasoned. If the State were to do the unexpected and take your advice, things would leap ahead.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

To JC
"A Report to the North Carolina Legislature
by
A Group of Representative Negro Citizens
Drawn from Various Parts of North Carolina"

August 2, 1956

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Secretary-Treasurer

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August 3, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

Thanks for sending me a copy of Trevor Huddleston's book. I referred your question to George Mitchell, who is the expert on Africa around here. His feeling, which seems right to me, is that the book could very usefully be put into the hands of a selected group of church men in the South - about 100 of them.

Such distribution could be worked out through the various denominations, but this is cumbersome. Alternatively, if you will supply us with 100 copies, we will carefully prepare a list and get them out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 3, 1956

Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames
The Wren's Nest
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ames:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to answer your very welcome letter concerning the pamphlet "Three Views of the Segregation Decisions." We are sending you ten copies separately. No price is shown on the pamphlet because we did a special printing designed only to accommodate our mailing list. If the demands seem to justify it, we may do a second, priced edition. But meanwhile we are distributing our remaining copies without charge.

We appreciate your putting us on to Virginius Dabney's recent article. We had not seen it, but will certainly do so.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 3, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

I suggested to Robert McKay that he send you a reprint of his article on school segregation which appeared in the New York University Law Review.

It struck me as a remarkably good and comprehensive analysis of the whole question, and I think people who have a serious or professional interest in the field would find it a very useful document. Anyway, I thought you should see it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 3rd, 1956

Professor Robert B. McKay
New York University
School of Law
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter. I have written Ed Reed my views on the usefulness of your article. Maybe the Fund will buy up some copies for distribution; I hope so.

Meanwhile, please send us twelve copies from your existing stock, if you can spare them. I'm enclosing a check for $12.

You are right about the picture getting darker in some respects, but I still don't feel that there is cause for basic discouragement. I for one would hate to have to face the problems that are shaping up for the pro-segregation leadership of the South.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

August 3, 1956

Dr. H. A. Bullock, President
Southwestern Research Institute
Texas Southern University
3201 Wheeler Avenue
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Dr. Bullock:

I was happy to get your progress report on the suffrage study. It leaves me feeling that you have the project very much in hand and that we can look forward to a splendid report from you in September.

I am enclosing a check for your fees and expenses, and checks have been mailed to the other persons whose vouchers you enclosed.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

August 3, 1956

Dr. J. E. Pierce
The Alabama State College
Montgomery 1, Alabama

Dear Dr. Pierce:

Thanks for your letter and for the copies of your report for 1954. The two draft schedules which you also sent, between them, should serve very well as instruments for collecting the information we need.

We are getting very encouraging progress reports on the study in other states, and I believe we are going to be able to get out a very significant report on Negro suffrage in the region within a few months.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc. (check)

August 3, 1956

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
Southern Area Student Council
Young Men's Christian Associations
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Payne:

Since I wrote you on July 13th accepting your invitation for the meeting of September 21-23, an unforseen difficulty has appeared. Our Executive Committee has scheduled a special meeting of considerable importance for the weekend of September 21st.

I hope you will understand and excuse my reneging on my earlier acceptance. It is a matter of great regret that I shall not be able to be present at your very important meeting. Perhaps we can get together here in Atlanta and discuss ways in which the Southern Regional Council can be of continuing assistance to you as you undertake your new project.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 6, 1956

Dr. Claude Thompson
Candler School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Since you were so good as to introduce the Petal Paper to me, I am glad that I can return the favor. I am mailing you a copy of Southern Reposure. It is evidently the anonymous work of someone who is ridiculing the Citizens' Councils in Mississippi. I suppose this will be the only edition, as it gives no address.

I appreciated your sending me a copy of the letter you sent Dr. McClain. Did you know that our Congressman from Griffin had it put into the Congressional Record?

We are interested in a clipping you enclosed from the Baltimore Sun, saying integration has taken place in Anne Arundel County in Maryland. Some way we had missed the account of this county.

With the best of wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 6, 1956

The President's Committee on Government Contracts
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Council is interested in receiving a copy of the film "Commencement", 16 mm, for viewing. We are interested in the possibility of using this film in the work of the Council.

If you could possibly lend us a copy of this film for a short while, we would appreciate it greatly.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

August 6, 1956

Mrs. W. Murdock MacLeod
United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. MacLeod:

I was away a week after your letter reached the office. Hence the delay in answering.

Mrs. Milner merely mentioned to me some of the action of your Board and said I would receive a letter, and when the letter did not come, I felt sure you were out of the office.

Our Churchwomen's meetings - Fellowship of the Concerned - are really workshops. Therefore, there is little planning before they come together. However, any suggestions you have to offer will be most gratefully received.

There are close relationships between the Protestant denominations, the Catholic Committee of the South, the ADL, and the Southern Regional Council. Each denomination sends in a list of women to be invited. So does the ADL, the Temple Sisterhood, and the Catholic Committee of the South. Miss Stamats gives to us the list of State Chairmen of Christian Social Relations of the United Church Women. The Southern Regional Council does find the money to bring the women together and does the research work and the clerical work.

With such leaders as Miss Stamats, Thelma Stevens, Miss Annie Tait Jenkins, Board leaders from the other denominational women's groups, Y.W.C.A., Catholic Committee of the South, B'nai B'rith, Temple Sisterhood, Mr. Lanier Hunt, National Council of Churches, and Mr. Edward Lants, S. E. Director, together with the State representatives - the workshop takes form and issues are faced and ways of action are planned. If they need outside help, we can supply by a telephone call to a lawyer, or whatever they want. We've never had a worked-out program. Do you think we need one?

Last year, at the meeting, a request came that we have a Southern Baptist to guide our religious thinking on these matters. This we have done. Dr. A. C. Miller of the Southern Baptist Board will be with us. He is very fine, very liberal in his thinking, and a strong able Christian.

I might add that the Y.W.C.A. is a co-sponsor in this and they are having their leadership here too.

I had hoped the United Church Women might be a sponsor, also.

This really sounds like there will be many people here, but about the largest we have ever had is about seventy, as so many invited are tied up in other things and cannot come.

I want to add to this that we never exploit the women. The Southern Regional Council is entirely in the background. It never is mentioned unless someone from the floor asks who it is. We do no seek membership from these women. Our concern is really that we may find a way to ease the tensions of our section and make it a proving ground for democracy.

Last year, the group decided that the State Chairman of Christian Social Relations of the United Church Women might be the one to call women to the State meeting. In some instances, this has been done. In others, it has been the Presbyterian or Methodist women who have taken the leadership.

I wish I might have had a longer time in New York to have gone into all of this, but I hope this letter gives you the information I failed to give you when I was with you.

Are you going to find it possible to be with us? I hope so.

Deeply appreciative of all you are doing, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 6, 1956

Mr. James H. Tipton
Willimantic State Teachers College
Willimantic, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Tipton:

We will gladly send a copy of the pamphlet to your brother. We did that printing of it for the Southern Historical group, and didn't charge for it; next printing we will. We are pleased that it has been popular.

I will remember your kind offer to pull me up from New York sometime to be at the College for a day. I have poked around a bit with matters textile and matters concerning migrant labor, and I know where Willimantic is.

Shall be driving, about September 10th, from Port Jervis to Putney, Vermont, which ought to haul me past your College. But I assume by then the College will not have taken in. Undoubtedly there will be an occasion later in the Fall when I will be in New York for begging purposes. My secretary has a memory like a vacuum tube machine, and she will tell me to write you ahead of time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 6, 1956

Mr. Kay Tipton
Attorney-at-Law
Madison, Georgia

Dear Mr. Tipton:

Your brother at Willimantic laid fingers on the enclosed pamphlet, and liked it, and wrote us and asked us to send a copy to you. Which we do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: Three Views of the Segregation Decisions

August 6, 1956

Mr. Laurence Spivak
National Broadcasting Company
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Spivak:

I listened and watched in yesterday afternoon to the Roy Wilkins interview. I am one who never watches TV, but I was asked to see that one, and I did.

Compliments to Mr. Wilkins, who behaved with good temper and good strategy throughout. But the method of making press interviews does not lend itself to the theme Mr. Wilkins must put over; the productive contribution of Negro America to the peace, productivity, and civilization of the country. I would urge that the power of television be used for such positive expositions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 6, 1956

Mrs. David D. Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

We all rejoice that you were elected Vice-President of Bennett College. The College without a Jones in it doesn't seem possible and you have been so close to it so long it certainly needs you.

You were with us in 1952 in our workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. Last year you were not with us because of Dr. Jones' illness, but we want you very much this year. The dates are October 30 and 31, and the workshop will be here in Atlanta.

The leadership of the Churchwomen of the three faiths will be here.

We need you as a resource person as they try to think through what they must do.

I hope you will be with us, for we need you.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 6, 1956

Mrs. C. E. Biggerstaff
4906 Adanson Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Biggerstaff:

I am sorry you had such a time with the squirrel bite. My yard is full of squirrels and they are rather daring, and I have been warned there is danger.

Your dates of February 13 and 14 are on my calendar. My suggestion to you about Mrs. Milner is to have her speak on One World - what happens in one part of the world touches all of us. Of course, you can give it a nicer sounding title, but she is good on this.

Your suggested list of resource people is good. I did add someone from the Temple Sisterhood. This group will give you a little more religious emphasis than the ADL. The ADL, however, will give you facts that you need to know.

I am not sure whether you have a Negro on the list or not. Of course, you will need someone. Miss Florence Small, of Bennett College, was very fine last year, as you will remember. You may want someone else in her place, however, if you prefer.

From time to time, before October 30, you will hear from us.

Best wishes to you.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 6, 1956

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

Since the first of the year, some of the Conferences have had election of officers. Have there been any changes in the Secretaries of Christian Social Relations? If so, please give us the names, as they should be here October 30 and 31.

We do know that Mrs. B. M. Howard, of Augusta, is our North Georgia Secretary and we are very happy over this selection.

Love and best wishes, and

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

P. S. I am mailing you a copy of The Southern Reposure. I hope you will enjoy the irony and ridicule in this paper.

August 6, 1956

Miss Esther C. Stamats
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

If you have any suggestions for our workshop October 30 and 31, we would like to have them.

Of course, as you know, we do not ever have a planned program if we have the leadership with us, for the workshop takes form by itself.

Have you had any changes in the State chairmen of Christian Social Relations? If so, we would like to have them, as they should be present and not the old ones. Would you have any funds that you might use to pay their travel here?

The research work we are doing is gathering together the new segregation laws passed by our several States, progress made by the resistance forces, Citizens' Councils, etc.

If you have any further suggestions as to fact-finding, let us know and we will do our best on them.

Love and best wishes,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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P. S. I am mailing you a copy of The Southern Repesure. I hope you will enjoy the irony and ridicule in this paper.

August 6, 1956

Dr. Willa B. Player
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Player:

For some years, in times of crisis, the women of the South have come together to find the part they must play in easing the tensions and paving the way for acceptance of social change. We have had two workshops on the Supreme Court decisions on schools. The first was while we were awaiting the decision and the one last year, after the decision came.

On October 30 and 31 here in Atlanta, again the women will come together to face the situation as it now exists.

We need wise leadership and hope you will find it possible to be with us as a resource person.

I know I need not tell you how important this meeting could be.

Hoping you will be able to accept this invitation, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 6, 1956

Mrs. James S. Crate, Chairman
Texas Commission on Race Relations
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 20-21, approved a plan for tailor-made allocation of funds to state organizations for the third grant period. Central Office staff was authorized to modify, by not more than 25%, the allocation of funds proposed in Memo # 1. The Executive Committee's action was based on a desire to maintain presently employed professional staff.

The grant to the Texas Commission for the third grant period (October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957) totals $10,000; this entire amount is set aside for the salaries of the Executive Director and the Associate Director. Salary for clerical help for the coming fiscal year must be raised by your state organization along with other operating expenses.

This proposal is dependent upon your state organization raising the required minimum of $3,500 for this current fiscal year; you will recall that the required minimum for the next fiscal year (1956-57) is $6,500.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mmf

cc: Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe

August 6, 1956

Mr. J. Claude Evans, Chairman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 867
Columbia, South Carolins

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 20-21, approved a plan for tailor-made allocation of funds to state organizations for the third grant period. Central office staff was authorized to modify, by not more than 25%, the allocation of funds proposed in Memo # 1. The Executive Committee's action was based on a desire to maintain presently employed professional staff.

The grant to the South Carolina Council for the third grant period (October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957) totals $10,000; this entire amount is set aside for the salaries of the Executive Director and the Associate Director. Salary for clerical help for the coming fiscal year must be raised by your state organization along with other operating expenses.

This proposal is dependent upon your state organization raising the required minimum of $3,500 for this current fiscal year; you will recall that the required minimum for the next fiscal year (1956-57) is $6,500.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

cc: Mrs. E. H. Spearman

August 6, 1956

Mr. Fred K. Darragh, Chairman
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1401 East Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Darragh:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 20-21, approved a plan for tailor-made allocation of funds to state organizations for the third grant period. Central Office staff was authorized to modify, by not more than 25%, the allocation of funds proposed in Memo # 1. The Executive Committee's action was based on a desire to maintain presently employed professional staff.

The grant to the Arkansas Council for the third grant period (October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957) totals $10,000; this entire amount is set aside for the salaries of the Executive Director and the Associate Director. Salary for clerical help for the coming fiscal year must be raised by your state organization along with other operating expenses.

This proposal is dependent upon your state organization raising the required minimum of $3,500 for this current fiscal year; you will recall that the required minimum for the next fiscal year (1956-57) is $6,500.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

cc: Mr. Nat Griswold

August 6, 1956

Rev. Caxton Doggett, Chairman
Florida Council on Human Relations
376 N. E. 90th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Doggett:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 20-21, approved a plan for tailor-made allocation of funds to state organizations for the third grant period. Central Office staff was authorized to modify, by not more than 25%, the allocation of funds proposed in Memo # 1. The Executive Committee's action was based on a desire to maintain presently employed professional staff.

The grant to the Florida Council for the third grant period (October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957) totals $10,000; this entire amount is set aside for the salaries of the Executive Director and the Associate Director. Salary for clerical help for the coming fiscal year must be raised by your state organization along with other operating expenses.

This proposal is dependent upon your state organization raising the required minimum of $3,500 for this current fiscal year; you will recall that the required minimum for the next fiscal year (1956-57) is $6,500.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

cc: Mr. William K. Williams

August 7, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

Here is another item from one of our state organizations, which I thought you might find of interest. The Texas group is picking up considerable steam since the new Executive Director has taken office, and since the advisory committee has been functioning with the Board.

Best personal regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Dictated by Mr. Routh...Signed by his secretary in his absence.

cc: Mrs. Charles Williams (with note)

August 7, 1956

Mr. L. A. Toney, Treasurer
West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Toney:

We have received your two checks - one for my expenses in attending the National Convention of the NCCPT, and one for fifty dollars as an honorarium for services rendered.

We wish to thank you very much for these two checks. I have donated the honorarium to the Southern Regional Council, because I believe it will further the work in which we are both engaged, and because I was on the Council's salary during the time I was at the National Convention.

This money is of considerable help to the Council at this time for, like many organizations, the last few weeks of the fiscal year are always the driest.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Encls.

August 7, 1956

Mrs. Charles L. Williams
1200 N. W. Sixth Avenue
Miami 36, Florida

Dear Mayme:

The two checks came through as promised and many, many thanks for them.

Enclosed is a letter acknowledging them to your Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Toney.

Believe me, it was a real pleasure to be with your group, and to see the active interest they have in furthering the cause of democracy in the South.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Encl.

August 7, 1956

Mr. James T. McCain
317 W. Bartlette Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCain:

Mr. Fleming is presently on vacation and I therefore wish to acknowledge your letter of the 5th with enclosures.

A sample of the questionnaire you are using is being forwarded to Mr. Fleming for approval and unless you hear to the contrary within a few days, you can assume you are following a procedure to his satisfaction.

Enclosed is a check to cover the expense voucher you forwarded.

Sincerely,

Sec'y to Mr. Harold C. Fleming

Enc.(check)

August 7, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Dr. Mitchell gave me your letter of July 27 to answer. I have delayed doing so until now because we are preparing letters regarding the financial arrangements between the Southern Regional Council and the state organizations. This letter is being sent today to your state chairman and a copy is being sent to you. It will answer your questions in your letter. I note that you ask for this information prior to September 1, so feel that we are complying in good time.

You will note in our August Newsletter several comments about the "Research in Action" bulletins you are putting out. I believe that they are well done and deserve commendation.

I note that you are on Army service at the moment, but thought it would be wise to get this to you that you might find it on your return.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Dictated by Mr. Routh. Signed in his absence by his secretary.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

(Addressee can be reached by
phoning Cherry 9-4971)

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
520 Ocean Beach Front
Neptune Beach (Jacksonville) Florida

August 7, 1956

Phone Miss Elizabeth Hawley collect Wednesday morning, Judson six one two one two. She is researcher for Emmet Hughes and wishes verification on items he quotes in article he has written for publication. Regards.

Mildred B. Oster

August 7, 1956

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke, Chairman
Virginia Council on Human Relations
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 20-21, approved a plan for tailor-made allocation of funds to state otganizations for the third grant period. Central Office staff was authorized to modify, by not more than 25%, the allocation of funds proposed in Memo # 1. The Executive Committee's action was based on a desire to maintain presently employed professional staff.

The grant to the Virginia Council for the third grant period (October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957) totals $7,500; of this amount, $5,000 is set aside for the salary of the Executive Director. The remaining $2,500 may be used for additional professional staff or for clerical help. It may not be used for other than salary purposes.

This proposal is dependent upon your state organization raising the required minimum of $3,500 for this current fiscal year; you will recall that the required minimum for the next fiscal year (1956-57) is $6,500.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:mef

cc: Rev. John H. Marion

August 7, 1956

Mrs. James M. Todd, Chairman
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2005 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Todd:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 20-21, approved a plan for tailor-made allocation of funds to state organizations for the third grant period. Central Office staff was authorized to modify, by not more than 25%, the allocation of funds proposed in Memo # 1. The Executive Committee's action was based on a desire to maintain presently employed professional staff.

The grant to the Tennessee Council on Human Relations for the third grant period (October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957) totals $10,000; of this amount, $5,000 is set aside for the salary of the Executive Director, $2,500 for the expenses of the Consultant program (including salaries), $2,500 toward the salary of clerical help and/or operating expenses.

Considering your actual expenditure of money thus far this fiscal year, and projecting likely expenditures for the remainder of it, the total spent will be less than the amount made available to you. We are, therefore, reducing on a proportionate basis the required minimum to be raised this fiscal year (1955-56) to $1,500; you will recall that the required minimum for the next fiscal year is $6,500.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

August 7, 1956

Mr. W. H. Perry, Chairman
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
2320 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Perry:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 20-21, approved a plan for tailor-made allocation of funds to state organizations for the third grant period. Central Office staff was authorized to modify, by not more than 25%, the allocation of funds proposed in Memo # 1. The Executive Committee's action was based on a desire to maintain presently employed professional staff.

The grant to the Kentucky Council on Human Relations for the third grant period (October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957) totals $7,500; of this amount, $5,000 is set aside for the salary of the Executive Director. The remaining $2,500 should be used as follows: $1,500 toward the expense of your Consultant program, and $1,000 for clerical help. We assume you would locally increase the sum available.

Considering your actual expenditures of money thus far this fiscal year, and projecting likely expenditures for the reminder of it, the total spent will be less than the amount made available to you. We are, therefore, reducing on a proportionate basis the required minimum to be raised this fiscal year (1955-56) to $2,000; you will recall that the required minimum for the next fiscal year is $6,500. It may be a shade less on a pro-rata basis.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:mef

cc: Galen A. Martin

August 7, 1956

Mrs. Elsie Whitman, Chairman
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
203 Woolsey Building
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Whitman:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 20-21, approved a plan for tailor-made allocation of funds to state organizations for the third grant period. Central Office staff was authorized to modify, by not more than 25%, the allocation of funds proposed in Memo # 1. The Executive Committee's action was based on a desire to maintain presently employed professional staff.

The grant to the Louisiana Council for the third grant period (October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957) totals $7,500; of this amount, $5,000 is set aside for the salary of the Executive Director. The remaining $2,500 may be used for additional professional staff or for clerical help. It may not be used for other than salary purposes.

Considering your actual expenditure of money thus far this fiscal year, and projecting likely expenditures for the remainder of it, the total will be less than the amount made available to you. We are, therefore, reducing on a proportionate basis the required minimum to be raised this fiscal year (1955-56) to $2,000; you will recall that the required minimum for the next fiscal year is $6,500. It may be a shade less on a pro-rata basis.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:mcf

cc: Mr. Milton C. Vigo

August 7, 1956

Mr. R. D. Wellons, Chairman
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Pembroke College
Pembroke, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wellons:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 20-21, approved a plan for tailor-made allocation of funds to state organizations for the third grant period. Central Office staff was authorized to modify, by not more than 25%, the allocation of funds proposed in Memo # 1. The Executive Committee's action was based on a desire to maintain presently employed professional staff.

The grant to the North Carolina Council for the third grant period (October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957) totals $7,500; of this amount $5,000 is set aside for the salary of Executive Director. The remaining $2,500 may be used for additional professional staff or for clerical help. It may not be used for other than salary purposes.

This proposal is dependent upon your state organization raising the required minimum of $3,500 for this current fiscal year; you will recall that the required minimum for the next fiscal year (1956-57) is $6,500.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

cc: Mr. Harry S. Jones

August 7, 1956

Rev. G. E. Clary, Chairman
Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Clary:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 20-21, approved a plan for tailor-made allocation of funds to state organizations for the third grant period. Central Office staff was authorized to modify, by not more than 25%, the allocation of funds proposed in Memo # 1. The Executive Committee's action was based on a desire to maintain presently employed professional staff.

The grant to the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation for the third grant period (October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957) totals $10,000; of this amount, $5,000 is set aside for the salary of the Executive Director; $2,500 for the salary of the Associate Director; and $2,500 for Secretary; salary for Consultants must be raised by your state organization along with operating expenses.

Your state organization is to be congratulated for being the first to reach the required minimum of $3,500 for this current fiscal year; you will recall that the required minimum for the next fiscal year (1956-57) is $6,500.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

cc: Dr. Wells

August 7, 1956

Rev. Duncan Hunter, Chairman
Alabama Council on Human Relations
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hunter:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting July 20-21, approved a plan for tailor-made allocation of funds to state organizations for the third grant period. Central Office staff was authorized to modify, by not more than 25%, the allocation of funds proposed in Memo # 1. The Executive Committee's action was based on a desire to maintain presently employed professional staff.

The grant to the Alabama Council for the third grant period (October 1, 1956 - September 30, 1957) totals $7,500; of this amount $5,000 is set aside for the salary of the Executive Director. The remaining $2,500 may be used for additional professional staff or for clerical help. It may not be used for other than salary purposes.

Considering your actual expenditure of money thus far this fiscal year, and projecting likely expenditures for the remainder of it, the total spent will be less than the amount made available to you. We are, therefore, reducing on a proportionate basis the required minimum to be raised this fiscal year to $2,500; you will recall that the required minimum for the next fiscal year is $6,500. It may be a shade less on a pro-rata basis.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mef

August 7, 1956

Mr. Will Maslow
The American Jewish Congress
15 East Eighty-Fourth Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

That was a noble check, and we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 7, 1956

Mrs. Hodding Carter
The Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Carter:

We are no end grateful for that check. I was horrified too by the mount-up; but bravely I spent your money like I was the ECA!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 7, 1956

Mrs. Mollie Todd
56 Franklin Place
Summit, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Todd:

I duly went up to Nashville Friday, August 3rd. Mr. Sharp most kindly met me at the plane and took me in to Dan May's office. Esteemed Mr. Stokes was said to be in process of becoming a grandfather, and never showed. Lacking you and lacking Mr. Stokes, the three of us did not get very far. I put out onto the board the possibility of Sharp's becoming Chairman. He, again, said he had taken on too many other things, and couldn't. But I am still of the opinion that if appropriate people in the show earnestly ask him to take on the job he would.

Mr. May and Mr. Sharp and I so far as I know had no difficulty as to being in agreement as to a proper course of program for Tennessee.

They asked if I could come back again, and I said I could on August 17th if need be. But by that time Sharp will be off in the cools, but you and I and Stokes and May could meet. I urged May and Sharp to concern themselves actively to find a candidate for Executive Director -- supposing that with such a person in the offing a Tennessee Council could congeal. Also, they said they would busy themselves toward finding a state chairman.

There was agreement among us that the laudable efforts of the Nashville people to work with the Negro group and find a Nashville solution in no wise lessened the duty of the Nashville people to make themselves available for leading a state-wide organization.

My own view is that if you, on your return to Nashville, will be a busy catalyst things will happen.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 7, 1956

Mrs. Morris Brown
201 Sunset Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Brown:

A few days after you called, Sarah Patton Boyle wrote in similar vein for a definition of political activity.

In reply I told her that we had found it a good rule to get state organizations to require affiliated local organizations to have clauses in their constitutions or by-laws forbidding political activity and requiring approval by the state organizations of any changes in such local by-laws or constitutions.

I continue. But you are left with the problem of what political activity is. Without going to the law-books what is said in the statute is that "no substantial part of the activity" of a tax-exempt organization "shall be carrying on propaganda or attempting to influence legislation." Courts have not sharpened the definition of "no substantial part." I have heard five per cent mentioned as insubstantial, but not authoritatively. I think the only rule is to obey the spirit of the law, and refrain from all political activity, and then an outfit will hardly be accused of violating the letter of the law.

However, there is a recognized distinction between being for a principle and being for or against a particular bill or a particular law or a particular candidate. Thus, it is commonly believed that a tax-exempt organization can pretty freely be, say, for or against honesty in government; but the moment somebody introduces into the legislature a particular bill to require or get rid of honesty in government, the tax-exempt organization must cease its educational efforts on that bill. One could, I feel sure, be in favor of obeying the Supreme Court of the United States; but the moment there is a particular bill to circumvent or comply, the non-political group should withhold comment. Similarly with candidates. You can be for decent men in government, but when Jack Jones says he is going to run, you must not say whether in your opinion he is decent or indecent.

"There is extra reason why our local group should be careful; I have learned from experience that anyone who has earned the confidence of large numbers of Negro persons will be sought after for his or her supposed influence with "the Negro vote." We just shouldn't be interested in how people vote, though we can be interested in getting more people to register to vote -- but not for or against something or somebody."

"These restrictions are not as hard as they seem. Because we usually have so few friends that we don't amount to much in the way of a vote, anyway. Our effective role is in setting an example for and educating opinion. Silly for us, feeble as we usually are, to bluster and threaten to politic some bad egg out of office!"

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 7, 1956

Mr. John Hope
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

In the fairly near future -- say within the next two weeks -- I ought to grind out a reporting letter to the New World Foundation to thank them for the money and to tell them what you and we have been doing with it.

Experience has taught me that the way to get more money out of foundations is to tell them what we have been doing with what they gave us.

Be not pedestrian. Fly and sprint and dip. But get in enough to give them the most of what it is you are after.

Or, if you want to write a straight-forward account, I who am a sprinter and a dipper and a flyer will do the ~~to~~ dee upon what you write.

When we begged for the money I gave her a full account of what you had done up to about May 15th. That was the list of your consultants, and some account of the meetings in Richmond and at Little Rock and at Austin, and what you want for later.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 7, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Our tickler reminds us that about this time last year, at your instance, we asked the chairmen of each affiliated state organization to execute and return to us a certificate that his organization had not during the fiscal year then closing engaged in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or carrying on any form of political activity. We shall be sending out for signature similar certificates at the close of this fiscal year, and when received they will be duly kept on file.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: GSA
FBR

August 7, 1956

GSA:

Please you be responsible for seeing that between October 1st and October 20th all 12 certificates are duly latched in. If by Odtober 15th this or that laggard has not sent his certificate, poke honorable laggard.

And about October 20th, or when you have them all in, write Marion Wright -- copy to GSM -- and say that they are all on file.

eab/

August 7, 1956

Mr. Hylan Lewis
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Hy:

Here is the wire I sent the man Maclennan.

I suppose this will fetch him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 7, 1956

Mr. Willis A. Sutton, Jr.
Director, Seminar in Intergroup Relations
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Willis:

Most generous check, and we are all deeply grateful. I had undertaken to raise roughly a thousand this year by speech-making, and I think it was your check that put the thing past the goal!

Had a good time, and remain grateful to Honesty doing its Duty -- Mr. and Mrs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $50.00

August 7, 1956

Mr. J. Rupert Picott
Virginia Teachers Association
Clay Street at Fourth
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Picott:

How do we make out? Any news?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Same letter sent Mrs. J. W. Curry, Florence, South Carolina

August 7, 1956

Mrs. Rufus E. Clement
691 Beckwith Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Clement:

As tensions are still serious over the South over the Supreme Court decision, the Fellowship of the Concerned will have a workshop in Atlanta, October 30 and 31.

We are hoping you will find it entirely convenient to be with us.

All denominations will be represented, as well as the Jewish and Catholic groups.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 7, 1956

Mr. J. Francis Pohlhaus
Counsel, Washington Bureau
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
100 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pohlhaus:

Quite true we are working on the voting study you wrote about August 3rd. 'Tis expected to be a tabulation of Negro registration county by county across the thirteen Southern states; with some show of the interrelationship of income and other measures of economic independence. But the people who are putting it together say it won't be done until the end of September.

If you should have in mind some specific twist to the fact-gathering that would add to the helpfulness of the whole business to you, I am sure the people who are pulling together the facts would want to be flexible and helpful.

And they have assured me that they will remove the roots to get you an early copy of what gets put together.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE,

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

August 7, 1956

To: All State Chairmen and Executive Directors

From: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director for state organizations

In the August SRC Newsletter mention was made of the recent SRC Executive Committee meeting at which several items of importance to the state organizations were decided. The basic resolutions follow:

1. Be it resolved by the Executive Committee that the central staff of the Southern Regional Council shall have the authority to modify the proposed allocation of funds to any state affiliate, as outlined in memo #1 for the third fiscal period; such modification not to exceed 25%.

2. The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, taking into account the mutual responsibility of a central organization and its state affiliates, instructs the staff of the Southern Regional Council as follows: When it finds any state organization less than satisfactory, after systematic program review and assessment (terms of which shall be notified in advance), to place that organization in provisional status for a stated period, at the end of which time, on the decision of the Executive Committee, funds may be withheld.

3. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Council distribute to state affiliates the organizational memos drawn up by Dr. Robert Johnson.

August 8, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

We have a big thick book about foundations. Here is what it says about one in Dallas.

Doesn't sound really promising, but you might cultivate them and see what could happen.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - Description of Hall-David Graham Hall Foundation

Hall-David Graham Hall Foundation
3504 Gillon Avenue
Dallas, Texas

Established in 1940. Donor: Dr. David Graham Hall

Purpose: Research in public health practice and administration throughout the State of Texas for the purpose of disclosing waste and encouraging sound programs and procedures.

Limitations: State of Texas.

Methods: Full time staff constantly analyzing public health programs, conducting administrative research, and making recommendations to governmental and private agencies relative to waste, sound practices, and essentials in the public health field; maintenance of library on public health and allied fields; minor grants to other organizations.

Financial Data (year ended December 31, 1954): Total assets, $175,000 (income of the David Graham Hall Trust, corpus of which amounts to $1,100,000 is also at the disposal of the Foundation); total expenditures, $27,704; total grants, approximately $5,500. Minor grants in the fields of children, health, intercultural relations, social welfare.

Officers and Trustees: Homer Mitchell, Chairman; R. F. Voyer, Director; Gus Bowman, Albert W. Carleton, E. G. Prud'homme.

August 8, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

This is always an anxious time of year, when we hoveringly hope that the state organizations can be nursed past their fund-raising goals. Georgia is clean over it. Virginia, South Carolina, and Alabama are at it or past it. Texas is close to it. The others string along; two or three far from home. We think all will get home except maybe Mississippi and North Carolina -- and maybe N. C. will make the grade.

Goal is 3500. Nothing terrible, but hard. In four or five cases, where we have shelled out to the state less of your money than covenanted we have shaved the goal, but pro-rata it's on a basis of 3500 for them to raise for $13,000 of your money paid them by us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - NCCHR Bulletin #8

August 8, 1956

HCF:

Here is correspondence with the man Pohlhaus, who is NAACP in Washington. Observe that in the final paragraph of my letter I committed you to get Pohlhaus an early copy of what gets put together.

If this is unwise, govern yourself accordingly.

eab/
Encl. Original ltr from Pohlhaus
plus file carbon.

August 8, 1956

Mr. Alfred C. Payne,
Southern Area Student Council
Young Men's Christian Associations
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Payne:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 7th with enclosure in the absence of Mr. Fleming presently on vacation. He will be returning to the office August 20th.

Cordially,

Sec'y to Mr. Fleming

August 8, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of August 6 with enclosures. Mr. Fleming is presently on vacation - due to return August 20. We have duplicated the two items from Labor's Daily to be retained for Mr. Fleming and returning the originals to you as requested.

I'm sure you will hear from Mr. Fleming on his return to the office.

Cordially,

Sec'y to H. C. Fleming

Encs.

August 8, 1956

Dr. Martin Deutsch
Jewish Family Service
113 West 57th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

Mr. Fleming is presently on vacation and not due to return to the office until August 20th. Your letter will be brought to his attention at that time.

Unquestionably, Mr. Fleming will be happy to conform to the time schedule you suggest in your August 6th letter and will be in communication with you before the September 1st meeting to advise when he plans to arrive in Chicago.

Cordially,

Sec'y to Mr. H. C. Fleming

Same letter sent:

Mrs. W. W. Thrasher, 10 S. W. 12th St., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Mrs. James R. Beach, 1063 High St., Macon, Ga.
Miss Mary Ellen LaRue, 506 Bank of Commerce Bldg., Le xington, Ky.
Miss Mary Ellen White, 207 S. Barksdale, Apt. 1, Memphis 4, Tenn.
Mrs. H. H. Settle, 702 West 4th St., Greensville, N. C.

August 8, 1956

Mrs. J. D. Conwell
1649 Eighth Avenue, W.
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Conwell:

In February of 1955, we had a meeting of the women's Church organizations of our several Southern states (The Fellowship of the Concerned) - women of both races, Protestant, Jewish and Catholic - to face the social issues brought about by the Supreme Court decisions.

We feel it is necessary to meet October 30 and 31, to have another workshop on the same issue. Miss Velva Dreese, your Executive Secretary of the United Christian Missionary Society, has given us your name as the key woman from your State. We hope you will accept this as an invitation to be with us.

Your transportation and entertainment will be provided through funds of the Southern Regional Council. You will hear later just where this meeting will be held in Atlanta. With your help in this meeting, I think we can find some direction for the Church in the challenging days in which we are living.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mcf

August 8, 1956

Mr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

You will remember that the Executive Committee at its meeting April, 1956, directed the staff to apply here and there for money for Mrs. Tilly's program. You wrote me precautiously as to this shortly after the meeting. Mrs. Tilly and I conferred, and I in full agreement wrote Mr. Kimball as attached. Here is his reply, received while you were gone.

Since then I have heard that there may be a chance that the William Green Memorial Fund (AFL-CIO) might shed something for a project from us, and I have recast much of the letter to Mr. Kimball into a letter to the W. Green Fund. Only went out a day or so ago, and shan't know results for a while. Results only barely likely.

So we are still urgently needing some guarantee that Mrs. Tilly can be enabled to keep on this Fall and for a year to come in doing her vital and most promising work.

Will you please put on your pondering, and write anyone you wish, or direct me to write to whom and in what manner you may think wise?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. - 2

August 8, 1956

Reverend Francis Schenk
St. Mary's Church
Sylva, North Carolina

Dear Father Schenk:

This I wrote out. You should read with care, and alter as you may please. My PAC year scares most people, and it frequently gets left out, but I am honest and I put my whole career in, without apologies.

I look forward to the visit.

Cut enclosed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls. - 2

George Mitchell is from Richmond, Virginia. His father taught history at the University of Richmond for many years, and was each summer at Blue Ridge, near Black Mountain, where he taught summer classes. George Mitchell went to college in Delaware and in Richmond and Baltimore, and then studied for three years at Oxford University, in England, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He taught Economics at Columbia University for six years, then worked in the Roosevelt Administration for ten years, mostly with the old Farm Security Administration. In this job he was a Regional Director, with offices at Raleigh, and travelled frequently to county offices in this area. After some months with the U. S. Foreign Economic Administration he took a one-year job in Atlanta with the CIO Political Action Committee, and moved from that to a program aimed at preventing race troubles after World War II, for the Southern Regional Council. He became Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council in 1947.

The Southern Regional Council works within the South to improve opportunities for all the people of the region. It has lately put most of its energy into helping the South to understand and accept a workable attitude toward the desegregation of the public schools.

Mitchell, who is an Episcopalian layman, was honored by the Catholic Committee of the South in 1953 for his contributions toward Southern life.

Mr. Mitchell appears on Tuesday evening at the instance of the Reverend Francis Schenk of St. Mary's Church at Sylva.

August 8, 1956

Mr. Paul Cooke, Director
"Seminar on Educational
Transition"
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cooke:

I do appreciate the Proceedings of this year. We will all study them.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 8, 1956

GSA:

To comply with the matter as shown below, please draft a letter to go out to Board members over GSM's signature, perhaps by August 10th.

GSM/eab

From Executive Committee Minutes

Motion (Shean-Wilkins): It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Executive Committee urge the members of the Board to make contributions or secure further contributions for the support of the central office, as per the resolution of February 17, 1955.

Paul Christopher suggested that a letter such as this might go to Board members: "From the 50 at-large Board members, we had hoped to raise a total of not less than $4,500. Contributions have not come in from approximately 30 Board members. We are hoping to raise this amount of money from our Board members."

August 8, 1956

GSA:

I notice the Wilkins motion as shown below.

Will you draft appropriate by-laws and confer with me in re and take upon yourself the responsibility of proposing these changes to the Executive Committee in September?

GSM/ab

From Executive Committee Minutes

It was moved, seconded and passed that the central office staff be instructed to draft a proposed change in the by-laws for presentation to the Executive Committee in September which will achieve this purpose: to empower the Executive Committee to fill vacancies within the Executive Committee from among members of the Board of Directors between annual meetings, subject to confirmation of the succeeding annual meeting.

NOTE: NPA Pamphlet #97
Land Reform in Italy

August 8, 1956

Professor Lowry Nelson
University of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Lowry:

Read and much enjoyed your booklet on fixing up land tenure in Italy. Was interested generally, and because for some months in 1944-45 I trained for a supposed job in Italian land reform!

Item for Edition II et seq:

Page 3. Mid-page. "As is indicated in table 2." I see how you arrived at that, but 'tis a puzzler to the new reader. He squints at Table II, and doesn't see a thing about Corporate Ownership, so he says "this bird has messed up." Suggest adding after Title of Table II a paren. (Natural Persons).

Conclusions I like. I quite wondered, too, why they had adopted our habit of living on hon. farm. I suggest that the financial drain is the price everybody has got to pay to keep the Communists out; either do it this way, expensively, but in order, or the other boys will bust through and take it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 8, 1956

Mr. John R. Larkins
133 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Larkins:

I write to you as acting Chairman of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations.

I call to your attention for corrective action some matters described in the July Program Report of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations which border to the suspicious upon political activity.

The last paragraph on page 1 says that the Executive Director of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations agreed with his opposite number in the AFSC program "(1) to try to get people to testify at the legislative hearings in Raleigh, and (2) later work together on an educational program prior to the voting on September 8th."

The top paragraph on page 2 says, "Partly as a result of our efforts, several people from Charlotte attended the legislative hearings. Harry Golden, a member of the Charlotte Council Executive Committee, spoke in opposition to the bills. . . ."

Of course I do not know the exact local circumstances, but from this distance and to any practiced observer, this looks mighty close to trying to put pressure on a committee of the legislature, and to an undertaking to try to influence legislation.

The requirement of the income tax people for tax-exemption is (by statute) that "no substantial part" of the activity of a tax-exempt organization be "carrying on propaganda or attempting to influence legislation."

There is no received definition of what constitutes a substantial part. In the absence of such definition the only thing we know to do is to observe the spirit of the law, and accusations of violating the letter will be few.

I request that you:

Inquire closely and quickly into the course of action, past, present, and proposed, of the NC Council on this matter; and countermand any and all legislative or propagandist effort.

It seems agreed that a tax-exempt organization can be for or against some quite general principle; but once it be proposed to implement or circumvent such a principle by actual legislation (or by a bill), clearly a tax-exempt organization must remain silent as to its views on such a bill or proposal.

On the matter of legislative hearings: I think it is agreed that if representatives of a tax-exempt organization are asked by a legislative body to give their views, they may do so without endangering tax-exempt status. But to shove in, even with some degree of concealment, is impermissible.

Please let me know your views and actions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. I talked by phone just now with Guy Johnson who tells me he will write Jones at Ashfield, Mass.

cc: Harry Jones
Guy Johnson
Marion A. Wright
John Wheeler

August 9, 1956
(Dictated August 8)

MEMORANDUM

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

In spearing about in North Carolina today by long distance telephone, I learned that R. D. Wellons has retired from the Presidency of Pembroke College, and moved to an address on Marks Street, Orlando, Florida, inaccurately recalled to be 619, about a month ago.

As there has been no meeting of the Executive Committee or Board of the North Carolina Council since, no replacement has been chosen.

Guy Johnson tells me that the acting Chairmanship will, therefore, descend to Mr. John R. Larkins at 133 East Hargett Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Larkins is a long-time employee of the North Carolina Department of Public Welfare.

I explained the politicky lapses to Guy Johnson, who said he would today write to Harry Jones at Jones' Massachusetts retreat and attempt to set Jones aright.

I told Guy Johnson that a matter of this kind was grave with us and that unless such political tendencies were back-tracked upon and forthwith caused to cease, we in this office would withhold funds.

eab/

August 9, 1956

Dr. R. L. Hunt, Director
Department of Religion and Public Education
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.
79 East Adams Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Dr. Hunt:

The meeting of the women of the South — The Fellowship of the Concerned — will be here in Atlanta, October 30 and 31. Please keep these dates clear on your calendar and be with us.

Later, I will send you further information as to hotel and place of meeting.

You did a great deal for us when we met last year, and would be of great help this year, if you find it convenient to be with us.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 9, 1956

Miss Margaret Forsythe
National Board
Young Women's Christian Association
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Forsythe:

You remember that when you were with us some years ago, the women at that meeting decided to call themselves the Fellowship of the Concerned -- southern women concerned about their South. We have had several meetings since then and last year a workshop on ways to ease tensions regarding the Supreme Court decision on schools.

We will have a workshop again October 30-31. Miss Harris has given me a list of YW people to invite. Since the YW agreed to be co-sponsor of the Fellowship of the Concerned, we would love to have you as some one from the New York office with us at that meeting. We would certainly love to have you come and see us again.

Miss Harris has given me a list of the National Board people of the southern region and they will all be invited, but we certainly need you with your broad world-wide experience.

We will let you know later more about the hours, the church in which we will meet, and the hotel nearby.

I would love to hear from you.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 9, 1956

Miss Florence Teague
General Board of Education
The Methodist Church ← 1001 19th Ave. South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Teague:

Again this Fall, we will have a meeting of the women Church leaders of the South in a workshop on human relations, more particularly related to the tensions arising from the Supreme Court decisions on the schools.

The dates will be October 30 and 31, and the place will be Atlanta. We would love to have you with us. If you can't come, some one else from the Board of Education would be a great deal of help to us.

Later, I will give you further directions as to hotel and the Church in which we will meet.

I hope this summer has not been too hot and hard for you.

With the best of wishes to you always, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

August 9, 1956

Mr. Herman M. Case, Assistant Director
Department of Education
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue,
New York 22, New York

Dear Hank:

Thanks for sending down the copy of my speech for any corrections I might want to make. I have read it through carefully and think you did an admirable job of shortening it, but at the same time maintain entirely its spirit and its flavor. Therefore, there are no changes to make.

It is interesting to note that Florida, Virginia and North Carolina have all been attempting to crowd into the Hard Core category by legislative action. However, I still feel that the people in these three states are not of the same mind or disposition as the vast majority of people in the Hard Core, and would still classify these three with Tennessee as waiting.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Encl.

cc: Mr. B. Tartt Bell

August 9, 1956

Miss Emily Kimball
870 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Kimball:

Thank you for your letter of inquiry about job possibilities with the Southern Regional Council.

It was kind of Dr. Long, Mr. Hope, and Dr. Lewis to suggest the Council to you, but unfortunately there are no openings in the Council at the present time.

We have recently heard of an opening, however, which might be of interest to you. It is as college secretary to the American Friends Service Committee in the southeastern area. You should write to:

Mr. B. Tartt Bell, Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
671 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina (Phone: 4-7671)

I am forwarding your vita sheet to him for his consideration. If you are interested in the job, you should contact him at once, for the Fall term is soon upon us.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 9, 1956

Mr. J. A. McDaniel, Executive Secretary
Memphis Urban League, Inc.
546 Beale Avenue
Memphis 5, Tennessee

Dear Mack:

Thank you for your good letter with the enclosed one from your daughter, Beverley. It would seem that she got a great deal out of the Encampment and I am personally gratified that we were able to find so many able representatives to send to the Encampment.

I am returning the letter you enclosed, for I know, were I the father in this case, I would want to keep it.

I hope it will be possible for the Tennessee Council to pull itself together and get off the ground with a significant program. I still have high hopes that Tennessee will be the next state to start down the trail of integration which leads to a democratic society,

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Encl.

August 9, 1956

Rabbi and Mrs. Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi and Little Mom:

We just received your letter about the Mississippi Council and request that they be notified of the future coming of the Assistant Directors for State Organizations.

We will certainly plan on seeing you this time around and my only regret is that it wasn't possible the last time.

I would like very much to see you both and have missed our frequent exchange of letters and the good times we had together in Hattiesburg. When do you go to North Carolina this year? Or have you decided to air condition the house instead and stay at home? Please let me hear from you.

Best regards.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 9, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagel, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

It was good to be with you and Mrs. Clark. I enjoyed meeting with your group and found them stimulating. I trust that what I had to say contributed to their understanding of the current situation in the South and some of the possibilities of solution to our regional problems.

As you recall, George let the Council pay my expenses to the first workshop and then gave me permission to go to the others on Council time, but not at Council expense. Hence, I am submitting to you my expenses for the trip.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 9, 1956

Mrs. Melvin Koral
National Council of Jewish Women
185 N. Wabash Avenue
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Koral:

Except for our monthly magazine New South ($2.00 per year), we do not maintain a regular mailing list. I am sending you our publications list and some reports on desegregation. We have recently completed a survey on desegregation in the seventeen southern and border states and expect it to be released within a month.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

August 9, 1956

Miss Jeanne Shively
Cheraw
Colorado

Dear Miss Shively:

Two of the best sources of information on segregation laws and their development are:

Murray, Pauli State Laws on Race and Color

Woodard, C. Vann The Strange Career of Jim Crow
Oxford University Press, 1955.

You would also find the March 1956 issue of The Annals helpful. The entire issue deals with racial desegregation, and the article on "Resistance Movements and Racial Desegregation" would answer your questions on the Citizens' Councils.

Material on the NAACP and our publications list are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ys

8/9/56

Mr. Donald A. C. McLennan
18801 Rivercliff Dr.
Fairview Park 26
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Maclennan:

Got your wire, glad you are coming.

By pre-arrangement I will be in Ann Arbor, Michigan all day Tuesday, August 14th, but I get home to Atlanta in the deeps of that night and shall sleep in my own bed. Praise be!

I have called Hylan Lewis and made an appointment for you to be taken to see Mr. Lewis and his superior, Professor Mozell Hill, at 9:30 Wednesday morning August 15th.

The thing for you to do would be for you to arrive at the bus station and telephone Mrs. Mitchell at DEarborn 5961 (write the number down because it is unlisted in the book) and she will come and get you. If you try to make it on a bus you will use two hours and probably not get there. If you try to make it in a cab you will use $1.75 needlessly.

We are looking for you, and Alice will be delighted to meet you when you call. Better still, send us an Air Mail post card and say when the bus comes in and she will be there to pick you off of it. Though how you will know the lady to accost I do not know. However, she is skillful in picking out the ones whom she should approach.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 10, 1956

Mr. Christopher Mercer, Associate Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Chris:

We have reviewed your application for tax exemption; our general comment is: Well done! There are several minor things to raise with you, however.

1. Shouldn't the charter of incorporation be a carbon - as though executed - with dates, places, names and the court's "imprimatur" filled in?

2. Re: certain answers on Form 1023 and attached statements.

#13. "Except for occasional personal contacts, soliciting small donations, there have been no fund-raising activities; all funds.... etc.

#21. "The organization currently owns nothing except a small amount of office furniture, which (upon dissolution of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations) would, by agreement, be at the disposition of the Southern Regional Council. Any other property would be at the disposition of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations."

#23-A (Attached sheet)

a/ Under "Cash receipts - Miscellaneous -$308.69 " - an alert accountant would question so large a miscellaneous item. Break it down.

b/ Under salary payments: SRC books show a total of $767.23 paid out for clerical help in Arkansas. Check your figure of $572.91 - (both for same period).

With these corrections, you should be able to proceed with securing tax exemption.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:mef

August 10, 1956

Mr. Lewis Deer
The United Christian Missionary Society
Disciples of Christ
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

Various of us have been moving our way toward a revision of Understanding Our Neighbors, but the actual decision to put editorial time on it has not yet been taken. And can't be taken for a week or so until Harold Fleming comes back from his vacation.

A long time ago, eight years or so, the Council did a revision of America's 10th Man and tied up a lot of money -- too much -- in a big printing of that. So when Understanding Our Neighbors began to run out of print the Council fell back on the belief that America's 10th Man contained much similar material, and we peddled our stock of 10th Man (never completely).

I think you are hold of something promising. It should be Harold Fleming's decision, but I am sure there is a good deal of interest in trying to get out a compression of things known these days.

We will send you fifty for free, when as and if it comes out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: HCF, plus incoming corres.

August 10, 1956

Mr. Lewis Deer
The United Christian Missionary Society
Disciples of Christ
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

Have had perforce to devote close attention to American Foundations and their Fields.

I came across the Oreon E. Scott Foundation in St. Louis. Somebody of that name put up money in 1950 to help the Disciples and various colleges I judge related to the Disciples, and a particular church of the Disciples in St. Louis. A goodly sum of money!

I am trying to arrive at a choice list of foundations having an interest in intercultural relations, and as to whether there would be some possibility, even though remote, that the Southern Regional Council could get them interested.

Can you write me what is privately known about that Foundation?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 10, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

Mrs. Alexander is sending your check.

I took an interest in a statement in your letter that you "still needed" some forms. Mrs. Alexander says she can find no record of your ever having requested forms from her. Fred Routh's recollection is that he has received no request for forms from you.

I push these people hard to give fast and accurate service to state organizations, and evidence that it hasn't been given is a serious matter with me.

If there is evidence in existence, shove it at me!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 10, 1956

Mrs. Cary Robertson
The American Humanist Association
Yellow Springs, Ohio

Dear Priscilla:

Here's what I wrote you to Kentucky. Since then I found your letter. What I wrote you to Kentucky still seems manageable.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Corres. dtd 8/1/56

Mailed to: 20 Avon Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

August 10, 1956

Mr. W. W. Hodges
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
204 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hodges:

I am sorry I have to be in Detroit Tuesday, August 14th, when the meeting of the Executive Committee occurs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 10, 1956

Dr. W. E. Garnett
804 Draper Road
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Garnett:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 7th with enclosure. Mr. Fleming is presently on vacation and due to return to his desk about the 20th of August. You will be hearing from him about that time.

Cordially,

Sec'y to Harold C. Fleming

cc: Mr. Henderson, at Richmond address:
(Virginia State Conference,
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia)

August 10, 1956

Dr. Edwin B. Henderson
307 W. Fairfax Street
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Dr. Henderson:

The rough draft of the bibliography that you requested returned in your letter of August 8 was returned to you at your address of Highland Beach, Ann Arundel County, Maryland, August 1.

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Information Service

JC:mef

August 10, 1956

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Leonard has very kindly sent us this bulletin from the Georgia Department of Law with the passage on page 3 marked.

We have drafted a proposed letter to Mr. Attorney General Cook and we request your judgement as to the propriety of dispatching the letter as is or in altered form.

The history of the matter contains an address made by Mr. Cook October 19, 1955, to the Peace Officers Association of Georgia in which (page 8) he spoke denouncingly of the Southern Regional Council and the Georgia Committee for Interracial Cooperation. The Council dispatched to its Board members on October 20, 1955, the attached counter-information.

We suppose that Roy Harris and his paper, The Augusta Courier, are Mr. Cook's sources for the charges often repeated by Mr. Cook that the Southern Regional Council is a successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. In this connection a fairly recent quotation from Senator Eastland (enclosed) is of interest.

The matter about a speech at Paine College is raised in the enclosed issue of the Augusta Courier. In connection with that, here is correspondence which passed between Mr. Cook and Guy Wells, Executive Director of the Georgia Committee for Interracial Cooperation.

I enclose, as additional information, a copy of a letter from the President of the Council to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, and Mr. Hoover's reply.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab file copy
Encls (~~as listed on the attached sheet - to be returned~~)

Proposed Letter to Attorney General Cook
August 10, 1956
(As submitted to Mr. Joseph Haas)

Honorable Eugene Cook
Attorney General of Georgia
State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cook:

We note in the July 15, 1956, issue of the official publication of the Georgia Department of Law that, in a speech before the Senate Judiciary Committee, you took occasion to repeat untrue statements concerning the Southern Regional Council and one of its state chairmen.

To set the record straight -- the Southern Regional Council is not a "left-wing" organization nor is it the successor to "the now defunct Southern Conference for Human Welfare." Our predecessor was the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Inc. (1919-44).

As to the speech at Paine College in Augusta, we believe that you had already been informed that the account of the speech you quote is entirely untrue. We think it is unfortunate that the chief law enforcement officer of Georgia should use himself to spread garbled reports and vicious untruths.

We would appreciate it if you would set the record straight in your publication.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

August 13, 1956

HCF:

Observe source and style of this one.

Encl: Security, Civil Liberties and Unions
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

August 13, 1956

Mrs. Norwood Phelps
United Church Women of Florida
2405 Pineridge Road
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Phelps:

I think the enclosed clipping is the answer.

Warmest regards to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. photo of "NAACP Pamphlet Exposed as Phony" from Pittsburgh Courier 6/9/56.

August 13, 1956

Mrs. Ali Kume
General Delivery
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Kume:

In Birmingham I suggest you get in touch with Mrs. Mervin Sterne at 616 Tyler Road. She will, we are sure, wish to be helpful to you in showing you things and people in Birmingham.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 13, 1956

Mrs. C. C. Lieu
Woman's Division of Christian Service
of the Board of Missions of the
Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Lieu:

You are most flattering, but I haven't the wit or patience to put together The Southern Reposure. I think it is an honest Mississippi paper.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 13, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
The South Carolina Council
on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I wasn't able to locate Dr. Johnson's memos and asked Fred about them. He's in the process of editing, and abridging the memos, so they'll be of more value to the state affilates; copies will be sent to you shortly.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

August 13, 1956

Mr. John Alexander, Director
School Program
American Friends Service Committee
617 W. Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear John:

Thank you so much for the copy of the Pearsall Committee's proposals. We had received numerous news clippings, but didn't have the complete text of the proposals.

A revised "Answers For Action" has just gone to the printer. I'll send you a dozen copies as soon as they are available (probably late August); one hundred copies of "What the Supreme Court Said" have been mailed. Enclosed is a copy of "Three Views on the Segregation Decision." It is in short supply, but may be reprinted if there is sufficient demand. These publications are all of the current ones SRC has issued on school desegregation. Of course, the forthcoming desegregation report will list the communities in which schools have integrated.

You would probably find a recent article by Robert B. McKay of the New York University Law School helpful. It is "With All Deliberate Speed" and appeared in the June 1956 Law Review. A reprint is available from:

New York University School of Law
Arthur T. Vanderbilt Hall
40 Washington Square South
New York 3, New York

Best regards to the AFSC Staff.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

August 13, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Have received your note with enclosed check for my expenses to the Highlander workshop. Many thanks.

It was a real pleasure to be with you up there and I am sorry you were as busy as you were, but certainly understand the situation. I did want to talk with you about how you see things in Tennessee at the present time, but that can come later.

I am sorry I am tied up for the third workshop, but noted when I was there that C. H. Parrish would be at Highlander during the third workshop, and he can very adequately present the view of the Southern Regional Council, and also a fine objective evaluation of what is taking place in the South.

Hoping to see you in the not too distant future.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 13, 1956

Mrs. Preston Valien,
Department of Social Sciences
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bonita:

We have a letter this morning from Mrs. Wheatley, requesting a copy of your memorandum on the Mississippi situation.

I explained to her (see attached letter) that your memo was confidential, but that we would request you to write a memo to the Mississippi Board and send it to her. Would you please do this at a fairly early time? We have placed the Mississippi Council on "provisional status" and C. H. and I are going out to see how much they have accomplished by mid-September. I believe a good strong memo from you would help them pull themselves together.

Best regards to Preston and you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

Encl.

cc: Mrs. Valien

August 13, 1956

Mrs. Elizabeth D. Wheatley,
Acting Chairman of the Executive Committee, MCHR
Box 307
Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Wheatley:

We have received your letter outlining the steps which the Executive Committee has taken regarding the difficulties of the Mississippi Council. We will write to Mrs. Valien and suggest that she write a memorandum to your Board regarding the situation in Mississippi. The one we have was made on the promise that it would not go beyond the professional staff of this office.

We believe your idea of having a full Board meeting to discuss the memorandum we sent and also the possibilities of building up an effective and meaningful organization in Mississippi is good. Certainly we do not want to see human relations efforts go down the drain any place, but as Dr. Mitchell pointed out in his letter, and as Dr. Parrish and I found in Mississippi, the current organization has really not gotten off the ground with a meaningful program. We have the highest respect for those of you who have labored in a virtual wilderness, andhope that it will be possible to make a go of it.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 13, 1956

Mr. Jack Clareman
Secretary
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation, Inc.
3040 Salmon Tower Building
Eleven West Forty-Second Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

I know you wrote me ~~late~~ early in the Summer that it would be September before the Board of the Christopher Reynolds Foundation would be meeting, and could pass upon our application made originally on January 26th. And we are content.

I add a supplementary list of SRC's foreign visitors since the one sent you with our original application.

And for an item of praise to the Council I quote from a letter received today from the Governmental Affairs Institute in Washington.

> "Knowing that one of our foreign visitors will have an opportunity to visit the Southern Regional Council always gives us a great deal of confidence that he will go home with a clear understanding of American race relations."

I assure you, (as the Governmental Affairs Institute understands), that we attempt no guile, but tell the truth.

An organization such as the Council has always a crisis and a strain at the end of its fiscal year. Ours hits us September 30th (most queerly!). So we will be hopeful as September comes into its later stretches that we will have found favor in the eyes of your Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

FOREIGN VISITORS

January, 1956 - Present

Mr. Frank Tomney, Labor Party Representative, British Parliament

Mr. Keith Kyle, Foreign Correspondent for The Economist (London)

Miss Susan King-Hall, Journalist, England.

Miss Sarwat Qureshi, Chief Welfare Officer, Thal Development Authority, Jauharabad, Pakistan

Mr. Toshimitsu Fukada - Editor Nishinippon Shimbun, Fukuoka, Japan

Mr. Takashi Suzuki, Aichi Prefecture of Central Japan, Managing Editor of the Chubu Nippon Shimbun, Toyohashi City, Japan

Mr. Seetaka Hatanaka, President Minami-Nippon Shimbun and Radio Minaminippon.

Mr. Shiro Shimada, Chief Editor and Chief of the Reporting Department, Kumamota Nichinichi Shimbun, Kumamota City, Japan.

Dr. G. D. Wollheim, Chairman of the Liberal Party, Capetown, South Africa.

Mr. Reginald Roberts, London, England

Mr. George Thomas, House of Commons, London, England

Mr. Seth Kobla Anthony, Accra Gold Coast, Senior Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of the Interior.

Dr. Georges Housiaux, Member of the Belgian Chamber of Representatives, Huy, Belgium.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goosse, Staff Representatives of the International Confederations of Free Trade Unions, Antwerp, Belgium.

Dr. Werner Imhoof, Journalist, Switzerland.

Dr. Peter Korteweg, Washington correspondent for 10 Dutch newspapers.

Mr. Drachkovitch Milorad, Bruges Belgium. Professor at College of Europe.

Mr. Keith Kyle, Foreign Correspondent, London, England.

Mr. Hans Menzel, City Editor (Salzburger, Volksblatt), Austria.

Mr. Max Brauer, former Lord Mayor of Hamburg, Germany

Mr. John Hynd, Labour Member of the British Parliament, London, England

August 14, 1956

Miss Mary Raymond
211 Camp Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Raymond:

Anna Lord Strauss is a lady for whom I try to get things done. She wrote me that she had some friendship for a Japanese lady, Mrs. Ali Kume, who has been at a Seminar at Harvard for some weeks and will, on August 31st, be in New Orleans. Otherwise on a Southern dip to Birmingham, Atlanta, Jackson, New Orleans, Dallas, to cllect a little about racial matters. I know that she can't collect much in a day, but then . . .

I gave her Vigo's name, but I fear me Vigo will be off at an Army campt. So I also gave her your name.

Sinserely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 14, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mrs. Ali Kumi
10 Weld Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Kumi:

We had a pleasant note from Mrs. Anna Lord Strauss, whom we all greatly like. So glad you are coming to this part of the world.

When you reach Atlanta telephone our office at either WAlnut 8921 or WAlnut 7963. A man named Fred Routh or, in his absence, a man named Harold Fleming, will be most anxious to help you.

I have written letters to you at New Orleans and Birmingham, and here are copies of them coming directly to you now.

Miserably I, myself, will be in Austin, Texas, for the week beginning August 27th, so I fear me I will miss you in Atlanta. I shall hope you will be here before that and that I can talk with you.

In Dallas you might look up an able young Negro attorney, Mr. Kenneth Holbert at 2531 Forrest Avenue. He works for the Texas affiliate of our Council, which is called the Texas Commission on Race Relations.

In Jackson, Mississippi, in my opinion, one of the wisest persons is Mr. Jacob Reddix who is President of Jackson College. This is a Negro college and under Mr. Reddix quite a good one. It is no simple matter for Mr. Reddix to conduct the college well in Mississippi, and you should try to arrange matters so as to be as helpful to him as may be.

You might also wish to call on Mrs. Ruby S. Lyells at 1104 Lynch Street, quite near Jackson College, who is the Director of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations, which is affiliated with SRC.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encls. - 2
GSM/eab

August 14, 1956

Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle
Box 3183, University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Patty:

Jack Marion sent in to this office two reports you did on the Waynesboro meetings. George and I like them so well that we have decided to edit them to take out the names of individuals and certain other purely local aspects, mimeograph them and send them out to our other state people. Very often we receive well-written factual reports, but all too often they do not show the process of the meetings and your reports have caught that and the spirit of the people present. We believe this to be important.

I have sent Jack Marion a note telling him of our pleasure over your reports (see enclosed).

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

cc: Mrs. S. P. Boyle

August 14, 1956

Rev. John H. Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Jack:

We have received and read with interest your letter enclosing the two reports from Patty Boyle.

I have read through them carefully, as has George, and we agree that they would probably be helpful to some of our other state organizations. I am going to edit them to take out some of the references to individuals and to specific communities, so that other readers will feel they have wider application.

Regarding the allotment of funds to the Virginia Council for next year, our thinking was based on several things. One is the decision of the Virginia Council to use consultants, rather than a half-time associate director. Another was your own good record of fund-raising in the state of Virginia. We certainly look with favor on what the Virginia Council is doing, and feel confident that it will be one of the state organizations which will continue to go and grow after the end of the grant period.

I am glad that you were pleased with Bontemps' book.

We have passed on to Mrs. Alexander the expense account that Patty is submitting and the check is in the mails.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mmf

August 14, 1956

(Dictated August 13)

Mr. Alfred Mynders
Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mynders:

A notion struck me in the stilly watches of last night, and I hasten to head it at you -- alone.

Here's a two-page business I did the other day, which a magazine called the Humanist will publish (Yellow Springs -- Antioch people).

Point is that the lightening really ought to hit Tennessee. Tennessee has led the way in bending technology to meet the ends of a democracy. Now it can lead in strengthening democracy so that it will be inclusive.

If this strikes no sparks, w.p.b. If any, the sparks are your own.

Admiringly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 14, 1956

Mr. Kenneth F. Holbert
2531 Forrest Avenue
Dallas 15, Texas

Dear Mr. Holbert:

A lady high in the League of Women Voters and a good friend of ours wrote us that she would like us to be nice to a Japanese lady making a dip into the South at the end of August. The Japanese lady I take it will be in Dallas in the very first days of September. Japanese lady is named Mrs. Ali Kumi. I wrote the Japanese lady and said she, the Japanese lady, would profit from getting in touch with you, and I gave the lady your address. So, if she shows, be nice to her please.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 14, 1956

Mrs. Anna Lord Strauss
Hattertown
Newton, Connecticut

Dear Anna Lord Strauss:

Things are being arranged and I think will work for Mrs. Kumi.

We have written to her directly at Harvard asking her to come and see us as soon as she gets to Atlanta. And I have sent her at Harvard and to the post offices at Birmingham and New Orleans the names of people in various other cities which she may be going to.

Miserably I shall be going off to a labor school in Texas from August 27 forward for a week, and shall miss her. But others at SRC are alerted to make things instructive for her.

Very nice to hear from you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 14, 1956

Mrs. Ali Kume
c/o General Delivery
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Kume:

The Southern Regional Council is affiliated with a Louisiana organization calling itself the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. The Director of it is Mr. Milton Vigo, and his office is at 303 Board of Trade Annex Building, and the telephone number is MAin 4295.

If Mr. Vigo is there he can and will be quite helpful to you. I think he may be in the last few days of being at an Army camp; on the other hand he may be back at his office. I will hope so.

If you do not find Mr. Vigo available, here are two ladies who could and would be extremely helpful: Miss Mary Raymond, who runs the principal social work organization in New Orleans, with offices at, I believe, 211 Camp Street; or Miss Florence Sytz, who runs the School of Social Work at Tulane University.

Either of these three persons would be anxious to meet your needs in every way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 14, 1956

Miss Florence Sytz
School of Social Work
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

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I gave her Vigo's name, but I fear me Vigo will be off at an Army camp. So I also gave her your name.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 14, 1956

FBR:

Please read this incoming.

I have written a letter to General Delivery at Birmingham giving the lady somebody there.

I have written a letter to General Delivery in New Orleans giving the lady somebody there.

You or somebody else at SRC will have to be the somebody in Atlanta.

Anna Lord Strauss is our devoted friend (and occasionally a substantial contributor).

Please try to make things go helpfully.

GSM

Encl: incoming corres from Anna Lord Strauss dtd 8/11, and incoming from Mrs. Kumi dtd 8/9.

Note: Please return original corres. to EAB when finished with it.

August 15, 1956

Mrs. Charles S. Johnson
1700 McNarry Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

I am not exactly sure where you are, but I hope this letter will find you. It is to recall to you your promise to prepare for us a worship service for our workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned — Southern women concerned about their South — to be here in Atlanta, October 30-31.

We will mimeograph this worship service and place it in the workbook, so it will be necessary for us to have it by October 1 — at least — sooner, if possible.

There will be in our group representatives of the three faiths. You might want to think of this as you work out this service for us. Rabbi Gittelsohn, who you may remember preached the funeral service at Okinawa, has prepared one worship service; Father Shean, of the Catholic Committee of the South, will give us another.

We are more than delighted that you have promised to be with us, for we need you.

With the best of wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 15, 1956

Dr. A. C. Miller, Executive Secretary
Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

This is to remind you that we are expecting you to be our guide and spiritual leader at the workshop of the Churchwomen, October 30-31.

We will need a message from you each morning. I think you know our general theme is finding faith and strength to meet the crises and challenges following the Supreme Court decisions.

This group will be interracial, of course, and interfaith. They are all the leaders of their denominational groups from our various Southern states.

I feel we are most fortunate that we will have your guidance and direction.

I am very grateful to you for accepting the call we have given you.

With the best of wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mcf

August 15, 1956

The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

First of all, did you see the man about the one thousand dollars you thought perhaps you could secure for our woman's work?

This is also to remind you that we are looking forward to having you with us, October 30-31. We certainly need your experience, especially in community planning.

sermon

As I told you, we will need three worship services. Rabbi Gittelsohn has prepared one for us. You may remember he was the one who preached the service at Okinawa, and I happen to have served with him on the President's Committee on Civil Rights. Mrs. Charles Johnson, of Fisk University, has another worship service. We want you to prepare the third one for us.

You can not imagine how much this strengthens the courage of women, to know that together we who serve one God, find a way to work together as we face the challenges of the South. I hope you will find it entirely possible to do this for us. We ought to have it by October 1, sooner if possible, as there is so much mimeographing done in this office we are sometimes delayed.

With deep appreciation for all you are doing for the support of the Southern Regional Council and for us all who work in it, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

cc: Rabbi Gittelsohn at Boston address:
(Temple Israel
Longwood Avenue at Plymouth
Boston 15, Massachusetts)

August 15, 1956

Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn
General Delivery
East Jeffrey, New Hampshire

Dear Rabbi Gittelsohn:

The worship service is even greater than I thought it possible for anyone to write. It has done us good here in the office, and it will be used over and over in the South by our various denominational groups and the leaders of the Temple Sisterhood and the Catholic women. It really is something I have longed to have, but never knew where to find. It is out and beyond anything I myself could have put together. I will go out to Rabbi Rothschild and get his guidance as to the music, and I am sure he will help us get someone to lead us in it.

It is really a thrilling experience to be alive in the South today. The challenges are hurled at us anew every morning. The South is suffering, but I am sure that through suffering, it will find the way to be a greater and better part of the country. Surely, it is great to be alive now and see the dreams of our Civil Rights Committee actually coming true, and to see free people all over the world are gaining their freedom. I thank God for the privelege of living in these times.

I want you to know I prize very highly your friendship and interest. Please accept my thanks and the thanks of the women of the South for your contribution to our October meeting. I will send you copies of what comes out of it all.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

cc: Jason L. Carney

August 15, 1956

Mr. Herbert T. Jenkins, Chief of Police
Atlanta Police Department
175 Decatur Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Chief Jenkins:

Some days ago Detective Carney spoke for me on "troubled children." His speech was like a sermon and stirred the group to whom he spoke. His understanding of children in trouble and the way he leads them patiently out of it is a wonderful example of what a good police policy means to a city.

I am so proud of the Atlanta police force that I am always glad when I have an opportunity to let someone from it speak for it.

We are very grateful to you for making it possible for the women to get the lessons they did from Detective Carney.

I remember your help and courtesies when I brought Mrs. Roosevelt to Atlanta. For this and many other things, please accept my thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 15, 1956

Mr. William Gordon, Managing Editor
Atlanta Daily World
210 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I do want to thank you for sharing your time with us at the workshop on the CME women some days ago. I wish you might have stayed and listened to the discussion, for they centered their questions entirely around political issues. We were not able to turn their attention to troubled children or the segregation questions.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 15, 1956

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

For myself and for your "in-laws" - the CME women - please accept our thanks for your guidance and help in our panel.

You have a way of presenting integration that is very telling, and a way of approach that is different from any of us who try to work in this field.

I do hope Mrs. Mays is improving. I want you and her both to know that we here at the office are concerned about her. I am more so, because through the years she has been my friend and co-worker.

With best wishes to you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 15, 1956

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
1101 Magnolia Curve
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I fell into conversation, some days ago, with an old friend from Birmingham who is unusually well informed. He told me of a newspaper editor at Florence, in your State, whose name I wrote down as Louis Eckl. I have some notion that this gentleman is an Austrian. I believe he is a Catholic. My informant tells me that the man Eckl is well disposed on matters of race.

You will find over the years to come that nothing helps you more than the habit of dropping in on newspaper editors. If this habit is cultivated, you reach a situation in which the newspapers themselves become eyes and ears for you.

The old Interracial Commission and we, as the Council, were in the habit of dropping in on the editors. They knew that we were never trying to sell them a propagandist line, but were trying to discuss calmly the facts and philosophy of each individual situation. And scores of them became our firm friends.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 15, 1956

A I R M A I L

Mr. Dan May
May Hosiery Mills
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. May:

Here's a wire I sent off today. It suits my convenience to manage the planes business just as I did before, and arrive at Nashville at the airport at 1:06 p.m. Central Standard Time, and to leave at 4:55 p.m. CST from the Nashville airport.

Thank you for working this out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 15, 1956

Mr. Lewis Deer
The United Christian Missionary Society
Disciples of Christ
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lewis Deer:

Not the news, but just the information that I wanted, and I thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 15, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milt:

We have received your letter of August 13th with its six specific statements which you ask us to verify.

Let us proceed with them:

1. Correct
2. Correct
3. Correct
4. Correct
5. Correct
6. Correct

You ask for a copy of the general evaluation of your state organization. Fred and C. H. Parrish are in the process of developing criteria for evaluating state organizations. A first rough draft of this evaluation tool was used in giving a rather quick and not too penetrating analysis of state organization efficiency. We are refining this tool and upon the completion of the evaluation of the state organizations you and your Board will be informed of where the Louisiana Council stands; not in terms of other states, but in terms of your own organization's strengths and weaknesses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR
CHP

August 15, 1956

FBR:

Will you please plan to take care of this guy or designate a successor in the job?

He's not our responsibility to feed and house, just to squawk at.

GSM

Encl: Ltr. from Governmental Affairs Institute dtd 8/10/56 in re M. M. Hove

August 15, 1956

Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bergheim:

We will look after Mr. Hove, September 12 et. seq., if any seq.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Individual ltrs
" Mailed to Board members as
per the list attached to
Green file copy

August 15, 1956

Mr. Ulysses S. Bond
Madison, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Bond:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee on July 20-21, it was suggested that another letter be sent to Board members asking them to make contributions to the Council if they had not already done so.

It was hoped that the Council, during the current fiscal year, would raise not less than $4500 from Board members. As of June 30, 1956, some twenty-odd members of the Board had contributed over $1500. We are hoping that you can see your way clear to making a contribution to the Council before the fiscal year ends September 30.

Also, there is a very special need of a thousand dollars or thereabouts to assist Mrs. Tilly's program with church women.

Sorry to bedevil, but we face a (minor) deficit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

M E M O R A N D U M

August 16, 1956

TO: FHR

FROM: GSM

Louis Deer called from Indianapolis. He used to be the parson in the Disciple's Church at North Little Rock - Pulaski Heights and while there was chairman of the Arkansas division of SRC - what there was of it.

Then he got translated to being the assistant to the head cheese in social action for his denomination. This denomination was in Indianapolis. He continues our good friend. Buys pamphlets from us.

Called me up and asked me to speak Monday, October 1 at the Des Moines fongathering of Disciples. I understood him to say they were concerned particularly about pacifism and peace. Anyway, he wants a man to make a speech. I have to be in New York Tuesday, October 2nd making a speech at the New School.

The Monday speech is at night. I was scared to promise to get from Des Moines to New York in what was left of the night. So I told him you were a good egg. He said he had heard you were and he would like you to come there and make a speech.

Expenses paid. I shouldn't be at all surprised that they would make a donation in addition but I don't believe we got close enough to the crux to make him say so.

I promised Louis Deer that I would wire Deer tomorrow morning whether you would come or not.

What say?

GSM:mbo

Same letter sent:
Mrs. W. C. Carter, Prattsville, Alabama
Mrs. M. R. Tatum, 110 Justin Street, Shreveport, La.
Mrs. Jack W. Frost, Murray, Kentucky
Mrs. S. W. Anderson, Whitakers, North Carolina

August 16, 1956

Mrs. Robert H. Duncan
2215 Highland Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

For some years, in times of crises, the women of the South have come together to find the part they must play in easing the tensions and paving the way for the acceptance of social change. We have had two workshops on the Supreme Court decision on the schools. The first was while we were awaiting the decision and the other, last year after the decision came.

On October 30 and 31, here in Atlanta, the Fellowship of the Concerned -- women of the South concerned about their South -- will come together again to face the situation as it now exists. The meeting will be jointly sponsored by the Southern Regional Council and the YWCA. Miss Thelma Stevens and Miss Esther Stamats, from the United Church Women, will both be with us. Please mark these dates on your calendar and guard them, for we want you to be with us.

Your transportation and entertainment will be provided through the funds of the Southern Regional Council. You will hear later just where this meeting will be held in Atlanta. With your help in this meeting, I think we can find some direction for the Church in the challenging days in which we are living.

Hoping you will accept this invitation, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 16, 1956

Mrs. Lucius R. Eastman
121 Mamaroneck Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Mrs. Eastman:

We did not ask you for a contribution to the Southern Regional Council during the 1955 fiscal year because we had received a three-year grant from the Fund for the Republic in April, 1954. Continuation of the grant is dependent upon our raising certain "matching" money each fiscal year.

Our second year under the Fund for the Republic Grant ends September 30, 1956, and we are just $2,000.00 short of raising $55,000.00 to be eligible for the third-year grant.

In view of your past interest and generous contributions during the lean years of the Southern Regional Council, we would certainly appreciate your consideration of a gift at this time.

We are enclosing copies of our quarterly reports and audits, so that you may see what we have been doing.

If you have further questions or desire more information, we shall be more than pleased to send them along to you.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosures

August 16, 1956

British Embassy
Mail Clerk
Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. George Thomas, M.P. was here a few days ago and asked us to mail to him some pamphlets, care the British Embassy.

By oversight no one here gave Mr. Thomas his designation M.P. and the Right Honorable, the British Embassy sent the envelope back to us labeled "not here".

We have sent it back at you again now addressed to Mr. Thomas as M.P. and marked "please hold". Please ma'am do hold.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mbo

August 16, 1956

Rev. Caxton Doggett
376 N. E. 90th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Doggett:

Nothing heartens us more than progress in program and sound administration in a State Organization. We get them both from your Florida Council on Human Relations.

Appreciate news in your letter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mbo

August 16, 1956

Mr. Frederick D. Patterson, Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Perhaps by this time you are home from your trip to Europe.

I am still very much concerned about the funds for the workshop of the women of the South, October 30-31. I think you are familiar with the work the women are doing and can do in this hour of crisis and challenge. The meeting bids fair to be very vital.

Each denomination has sent to us lists of its key women in the Southern states and they have been invited. The Catholic Committee of the South will bring its leaders. There will also be present Jewish leaders. This meeting will be the bringing together of the minds of the leadership of the three faiths of both races.

Knowing in the depths of my heart that the women of the South must be the interpreters and shock-absorbers of social change, I am earnestly begging the Phelps-Stokes Foundation to give me a grant at this time. I think you have the other information you need.

I would certainly appreciate hearing from you. I know you will be a good pleader for me and the women of the South before your organization.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

M E M O R A N D U M

August 17, 1956

TO: GSM

FROM: FHR

RE: LEWIS DEER AFFAIR IN DES MOINES

Wired Deer Friday, August 17th accepting invitation to speak. Sorry we forget to discuss it while you were in the office.

FHR:mbo

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

August 17, 1956

Mr. Lewis Deer
222 Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

George Mitchell asked me to speak for you October 1 in Des Moines.

Happy to accept.

Frederick B. Routh

August 20, 1956

Miss Sarah N. Puett
Youth Director
Myers Park Methodist Church
Queens Road and Providence Road
Charlotte 7, North Carolina

Dear Miss Puett:

There is a good outfit in New York called the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students. Its address is 6 East 82nd Street, New York 28, N. Y., and the man who runs it is Mr. Richard L. Plaut. But its special interest is in helping Negro students who want to go to some of the more famous Northern and Western schools and colleges. To this end it has collected information about all the little bits and pieces of scholarships and prizes that people might win. But that helps not at all in your problem.

A & T is likely to be able to give him a scholarship.

Also, of course, the Monroe High School might be able to do something. Mrs. Tilly suggests that you get in touch with Mr. M. S. Davage on the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church in Nashville. Davage is a Negro who concerns himself about these matters.

I am sorry I am not a better source of information, but that is all I can suggest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 20, 1956

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Mrs. Alexander, the Secretary-Treasurer, is away until the 28th. I hasten to tell you that your most kind check has come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 20, 1956

Dr. and Mrs. Broadus Mitchell
Wendell Centre
Wendell, Massachusetts

Dear Broad:

Florence Read said I should send these up to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls:
Three Views of the Segregation Decisions
New South, June, '56

August 20, 1956

Miss Florence M. Read
Dickenson House
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Read:

So nice to have your letter and to know that you and Broadus are friends. You are neighbors; and I hope you will be often together.

I sent two or three pamphlets as you suggested to Broadus.

Here is the one about the church groups. It is hard for me as a employed person to draw distinctions between SRC and CORE and The Fellowship of Southern Churchmen. Everybody does some good (some do the mostest).

I have told the Executive Committee of SRC that I will pull out along about January, 1957. If I can settle myself in Scotland you must come to see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
New South, August, '54

August 20, 1956

BY HAND DELIVERY

Mrs. Ali Kumi
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Kumi:

Florence Sytz in New Orleans (whose name I had given you), is to be away from New Orleans until early September. Miss Sytz's secretary tell me that Miss Sytz will be most sorry not to see Mrs. Kumi.

Miss Mary Raymond, of the Council of Social Agencies, 211 Camp Street, is away until September 4th. But her assistant, Mrs. Feild, Director of the Health Division of the Council of Social Agencies, gets back to New Orleans August 27th, and will doubtless wish to be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 21, 1956

The Honorable Eugene Cook
Attorney General of Georgia
State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cook:

We note in the July 15, 1956, issue of the official publication of the Georgia Department of Law that, in a speech before the Senate Judiciary Committee, you took occasion to repeat untrue statements concerning the Southern Regional Council and the state chairman of one of its affiliates.

To set the record straight — the Southern Regional Council is not a "left-wing" organization nor is it the successor to "the now defunct Southern Conference for Human Welfare." Our predecessor was the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, Inc. (1919-44).

As to the speech at Paine College in Augusta, we believe that you had already been informed that the account of the speech you quote is entirely untrue.

Inasmuch as these erroneous statements appeared in an official publication, we are confident that you will be glad of the opportunity to correct the record.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 21, 1956

Mrs. Marian B. Paul
2324 Washington Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Paul:

We have your letter of August 17 in which you tender your resignation as a member of the Board of the Southern Regional Council. We sincerely regret having to lose you.

We will place your resignation before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

Same letter sent:

[redacted]

Mrs. Leon D. Sanborne, 2690 Dixie Highway, S. Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
Mrs. Alvis McNeill, 306 McDowell Road, Jackson, Mississippi
Mrs. E. M. Doggett, 4612 Government Road, Richmond, Virginia

August 21, 1956

Mrs. William Stewart
140 Forrest Boulevard
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Stewart:

For some years, in times of crises, the women of the South have come together to find the part they must play in easing the tensions and paving the way for the acceptance of social change. We have had two workshops on the Supreme Court decision on the schools. The first was while we were awaiting the decision and the other -- last year -- after the decision came.

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Hoping you will accept this invitation, I am

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 21, 1956

Mr. William Ellyson, Jr.
6327 Ridgeway Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear young Bill:

It is pretty clear what is to be done. The Supreme Court decision is the law of the land. The greater part of Virginia seems very reluctant to comply.

In my opinion citizens of each locality, white and Negro, should meet quite a number of times and together work out the facts as to the local school situation. How many children? How many classrooms? How many teachers? etc. Out of the facts a plan of compliance is almost certain to emerge. When local people find a local reasonable solution they are very apt to be in favor of it. And in the course of the meetings friendly understandings will have been established as between white and Negro local citizens. Any agreement is based upon mutual confidence. And once the mutual confidence is there agreement as to an orderly and workable pace of change will be respected.

When influential local citizens have met and worked out a plan it is altogether likely that such a plan of voluntary compliance will go into effect. Even if the local citizens do not find themselves strong enough to get a voluntary beginning toward implementing the plan, the kind of plan they work out is likely to be in some degree a pattern for any court order that may require a beginning to be made.

It is also the case that communities which in this way work with and consult Negro citizens will be rewarded by a flow of energy and community loyalty on the part of the Negro citizens into local public purposes.

So all in all I remain quite confident that Southern communities will discover one by one in their own local citizenship resources for agreement as to the changes to be made obediently to law.

Anyone knowledgeable about the South is aware that different areas within the region are apt to make the change at widely differing paces. The accepted crude measure of the difficulty of the transition is the proportion of Negro people in the population. I think this is an exceedingly crude measure. It might be possible to calculate statistically an index of diffusion of individual liberty which would be a far more accurate measure of the comparative ease or difficulty of desegregation. But for the time being such a statistical measure is not available.

Nevertheless, in the absence of statistics, local people getting together can assess pretty accurately where they stand in the scale of the possibility of ready change.

So if this recommendation of local meetings were to be widely followed, it would appear likely that some communities would bring themselves to compliance with the Supreme Court's decision pretty readily. Others would by informed consent make beginnings so slow that important change would be delayed for several years.

There is a lot more to go into, but the master prescription is significant local public display of respect for equal human dignity through equal consultation.

My affectionate regards to your father and mother.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

AIRMAIL

August 21, 1956

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Howard University
c/o Boule Headquarters
College of Dentistry Building
600 W. Street N. W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Roberts:

I was glad to have your letter of August 20th. The progress report on your study is very encouraging.

In view of the amount of field work to gather the Virginia data, I think some slight increase in the allotment is reasonable. Since funds for the total project, however, are pretty fully committed, I would appreciate you efforts to hold the additional amount to $200.

I have just heard from Dr. Garnett, who raises the question of using his findings for some independent articles. As I will write him, I have no objection at all, except that I would prefer that he not release registration figures until such time as our south-wide report is made public. As far as we are concerned, he is free to use information derived from his interviews in any way and at such time as he may wish.

I trust this will seem to you reasonable and fair. If not, please let me know and we will consider the matter further.

The project in general is going very well, and I am a better man for just having had two weeks vacation. I hope that you have been similarly fortunate.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

August 21, 1956

Dr. Martin Deutsch
Jewish Family Service
113 West 57th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Deutsch:

Thank you for your kind letter of August 6th which was awaiting me on my return to the office yesterday. Thirty-five or forty minutes should be quite ample for my comments and subsequent discussion. Please don't feel that I have been in any way disappointed by this time allotment, since I am a strong adherent of the view that noone less than a Demosthenes should speak for more than twenty minutes or so.

I shall be staying at the Morrison and will try to get in touch with you sometime Friday evening. I am looking forward to meeting you and to the session on Saturday.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 21, 1956

Dr. Helen E. Amerman, Research Director
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Helen:

I have sent a memo to the list of people you sent me, prodding them to get out the questionnaire. Enclosed is a sample copy.

I trust this meets with your expectations and demonstrates that regional chairmen can sometimes do a significant job in helping NAIRO accomplish its tasks.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 21, 1956

B. and J. Association
177 North State Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Gentlemen:

We note the interest of the B. and J. Association in intercultural relations.

Our Southern Regional Council has been working at intercultural relations for a goodish run of years. Various foundations from time to time have helped us.

We would like you to know about the Southern Regional Council. To that end I send you a slim packet of recent publications, including our magazine, New South, and we will send New South to you for a while to come. And I hope to send you from time to time our quarterly mimeographed reports.

We are fact-gatherers about the Southern situation; and would be glad to be serviceable to you if at any time you think we can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 21, 1956

Louis D. Beaumont Foundation
820 National City Bank Building
Cleveland 14, Ohio

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 21, 1956

The S. Brachmans Fund, Inc.
706 Commercial Standard Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Gentlemen:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 21, 1956

W. C. and Sarah H. Bradley Foundation
1017 Front Avenue
P. O. Box 140
Columbus, Georgia

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Burroughs Foundation
6071 Second Avenue
Detroit 32, Michigan

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Godfrey L. Cabot Charitable Trust
77 Franklin Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

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Cabot-Saltonstall Charitable Trust
140 Federal Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

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Colt Foundation
Empire State Building
Suite 8024
New York 1, New York

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The Division Fund
134 North LaSalle Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

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Executive Director

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Farfield Foundation, Inc.
133 East Fortieth Street
Suite 205
New York 16, New York

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The Louis J. and Mary E. Horowitz Foundation, Inc.
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

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August 21, 1956

Dr. John H. Fenton
Tulane University
Department of Political Science
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Dr. Fenton:

Thank you for your progress report on the Louisiana suffrage survey. Your findings as to the relationship between the proportion of Negroes registered and the several cultural determinants are fascinating. Certainly they explode some of the common assumptions about Negro access to the ballot. I suppose it is too much to hope that we could learn enough in a hasty survey of this kind to explain the high incidence of registration in some rural parishes in contrast to the low registration in urban areas. But your hypotheses on this matter would be most welcome.

The problem of population changes or seeming discrepancies has cropped up elsewhere, notably in Kentucky. There, however, it is not clear whether census errors, errors in the registration records, or population changes since 1950 are the root cause. I hope we can figure out some way to cope with this problem. It is embarrassing to show a larger number of Negro registrants than there are Negroes of voting age!

I will look forward eagerly to your final report, and I will keep you informed of our progress toward a south-wide report.

Meanwhile kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 21, 1956

Dr. George L. Maddox
Department of Sociology
Millsaps College
Jackson 10, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Maddox:

Having just returned to the office, I hasten to acknowledge your thoughtful letter of August 11. I fully understand the serious problems which you raise, and I appreciate your frank discussion of them.

I take it, that in any case, you would not be able to undertake any work on the study for two or three weeks yet. In view of that fact, suppose I explore further what data might be available to us at the outset, thus serving to simplify the project in Mississippi.

Once I have done this, I will be in touch with you again. I greatly appreciate your cooperation and hope that we will be able to work out a satisfactory arrangement.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 21, 1956

Dr. Louis C. Kesselman
Department of Political Science
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Kesselman:

Thanks for your letter of August 11. I am glad to have your progress report on the study and I am particularly pleased to hear about the detailed analysis of voting behavior in Louisville, which should contribute a great deal to our understanding of Negro suffrage.

The problem of Negro registration exceeding the population of voting age has also cropped up in Louisiana. I am not sure that we can definitely place the blame on the registration figures, since census errors or population changes since 1950 could produce the same discrepancy. I would appreciate your views on this.

I have had very encouraging reports from most of the other states; some of them are expected to be completed by September 1. As well as I can tell from the progress reports that have come in, apathy and the lack of political consciousness are even more prevalent than we had supposed. We are also finding a great many exceptions to the common assumption that high registration relates positively to urbanization and relatively low Negro population ratios.

The end of September will be a satisfactory deadline for the final report. However, we have already begun setting up our work sheets for statistical analysis, and if it is possible for you to supply us with the county by county registration figures earlier, that will be most welcome. I might add that as much interpretation as you care to include in the final report will help us in preparing the south-wide analysis of the findings.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 21, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

Thanks for the various clippings that you sent with your letter of August 6th. I agree with you that the supposed "labor rebellion" has probably been greatly exaggerated in some quarters. You may be interested to know that a study, officially approved by the AFL-CIO, is now under way, and should do much to supplant the wild notions with documented facts.

I thought your report on the progress of desegregation in Kentucky was extremely well done.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 21, 1956

Mr. J. T. McCain
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr. McCain:

This will acknowledge with thanks the county reports which were received here in my absence. Your findings are interesting and indicate pretty clearly that the figures cannot be understood without a good bit of informed interpretation. I hope that when you prepare your final report, you will put in as much comment and explanation as possible, so that we can provide some explanation of the differences between counties.

I am looking forward to your further findings.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 21, 1956

Professor C. R. House, Jr.
Fairmont State College
Fairmont, West Virginia

Dear Mr. House:

I have returned to the office after a two week's absence and find your letter of August 9th.

I am sending you a few items separately which may be of help to you in the preparation of your dissertation. If you care to raise more specific questions with us as you go along, perhaps we might be of more help to you.

We suppose that the speaker you heard at Blue Ridge was Dr. Robert G. Eleazer, then on the staff of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. The Southern Regional Council succeeded the Commission in the early 1940's.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 21, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Here is another outfit from the foundation book.

Trull -- B. W. Trull Foundation
Palacios, Texas
Established about 1950.

Financial Data (year ended December 31, 1951): Total assets, $77,058 (net worth, $49,558); total expenditures, $43,605; grants out of income, $43,400. Nature of grants: Civic, scholarships, intercultural relations, religion (Protestant).

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 22, 1956

Dr. W. E. Garnett
804 Draper Road
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Garnett:

I am glad to hear, both from you and from Dr. Roberts, of the contribution that you are making to the voting survey in Virginia. My congratulations also on the Study Guide published by the Virginia Annual Conference. I am sure that it will do a lot of good.

I have no objection at all to your making independent use of the data which you are gathering in the course of the voting survey. I did hope, however, that the county by county registration figures might not be released prior to the publication of our southwide report which I trust will be ready this Fall. Otherwise, the wider use the data receives the better.

If this one reservation is a major handicap in the publication of your articles, let me know and we will consider the matter further. Meanwhile kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 22, 1956

Mr. Solomon Sutker
2407 Camden Road
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Sol:

Thanks for your letter of August 10th. I am delighted to learn that you expect to wind up the North Carolina survey around the first of September.

I had a fine two weeks at the beach, managing to combine recreation, care and feeding of the young, and the Democratic convention into one harmonious experience. Nice of you- though completely unnecessary - to want to send something for the infant. I only wish that you could arrange your itinerary so as to give you a stop-over in Atlanta on your way back to Oklahoma. Are you sure there is no chance?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 22, 1956

Judge Elbert P. Tuttle
Old Post Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Judge Tuttle:

Since you and I are both newly back from vacation this week - and a convention week at that - I will wait until next week to call you.

Meanwhile, I enclose correspondence between Mr. Rabb and myself, which is largely self-explanatory. I had a most agreeable two hour visit with him in July and found him quite interested as well as cordial.

I look forward to an opportunity to discuss this matter with you within a few days.

I hope that you and Mrs. Tuttle had a pleasant and relaxing time in Hawaii.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

August 22, 1956

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn School
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Here is the "Daily File" copy of my letter of July 23rd.

I suppose that a trip to Quaker Ohio means a trip to Southern Ohio. But if you get to northeastern Ohio the daughter, Charlotte, starts at Oberlin about September 12th.

When you are at Hendersonville, please do put on company manners and call on my friend Father Kerin at the handsome new Catholic Assembly spot near Flat Rock. Has to stay there most of the year as I understand, he is in charge. I praise Bishop Waters of Raleigh whose planning it was. And there are all too few occasions when those of us in other religions make friendly and interested visits to Father Kerin and his ilk. I am interested because they had me up there a few weeks ago to do the map speech for some conference.

The Mitchells had mainly a tomato diet for some weeks after Frogmore. But it was long before we disremembered the taste of cantaloupe and the watermelon too.

I greatly enjoyed the recordings and wish I had had more time for more of them.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.

August 22, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

Will Maslow has me coming to New York October 2nd to make a speech at the New School that evening. I will be in hopes that your engagements can be so planned as to give me a time to talk with you on the first or 2nd or 3rd of October.

And when Frank Loescher gets back, do please send him down to look us over. There will be much we will all want to discuss.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 22, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
Sixty East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

This is to request of the Fund for the Republic, in accordance with its original letter of grant dated April 2, 1954, the amount of $110,000 therein indicated as possibly approvable for the third grant period.

September 31, 1956, will mark the end of the second fiscal year of aid to the Council by the Fund. During that period, substantial progress has been made toward the Council's main commitment to establish and strengthen human relations organizations, progressionally staffed and representative of both races, in the twelve Southern states. The Council has also carried on, through its central office, essential information, publication, and consultative services.

The Fund has been kept advised of the activities of the Council and its state affiliates through detailed quarterly reports and other less formal correspondence. Thus we forego any recital of them in this request. It is pertinent, however, to mention the results of the central office's fund-raising from other sources thus far in the current fiscal year. Between October 1, 1955, and August 15, 1956, the Council had raised a total of $52,656.80. This is exclusive, of course, of the amounts raised by the state organizations, as required by our arrangements with them.

I know you are as aware as we are of the increasing need in the Southern states for the accurate and careful counseling offered by the Southern Regional Council. We will be deeply grateful to the Fund for the Republic for further aid in carrying on this important work.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 22, 1956

Aaron Straus and Lillie Straus Foundation, Inc.
One South Howard Street
Baltimore 1, Maryland

Gentlemen:

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Standard Oil Foundation, Inc.
910 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 5, Illinois

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Sam Spatt Foundation, Inc.
514 West Forty-Ninth Street
New York 19, New York

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Payne Fund, Inc.
350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, New York

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Olin Industries, Inc.,
Charitable Trust
St. Louis Union Trust Company
323 North Broadway
St. Louis 2, Missouri

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Old Dominion Foundation, Inc.
140 East Sixty-Second Street
New York 21, New York

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The Louis B. Mayer Foundation
9885 Charleville Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

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The Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

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Executive Director

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August 22, 1956

Irving D. and Janet S. Karpas Foundation, Inc.
c/o Irving D. Karpas
39 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Karpas:

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George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 22, 1956

Ittleson Family Foundation
One Park Avenue
New York 16, New York

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August 22, 1956

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas
Virginia

Dear Mr. Muse:

Fifteen of the non-southern states prohibiting or without specific legislation on school segregation (as of 1954) had Negro populations of 1% or more in 1950. Despite this legislation or lack of it there have been segregated schools in some of these areas. On the following pages I have listed the counties in each of these states in which there was a nonwhite population of 3% or more.

May I caution you about two things. First, this data is for 1950, and migration has changed the racial composition of many communities since that time. Secondly, the county information is for nonwhites. In many areas this may be synonymous with Negro, but in some sections Indians and other racial groups are present. The Department of Commerce does not have county by county information that is more recent than 1950; census reports have no county breakdown of the nonwhite group. No doubt some state and county offices have more recent and detailed information. The data listed can be found in the 1950 Census of Population, Volume II: Table 59 of the U. S. Summary and Table 12 of each state report.

An article by Robert Menefee on mountain communities is enclosed. Our 1954 files yield the following information on Tennessee.

Roane County - There are five small elementary schools for Negroes and one four teacher high school in Rockwood serving all Negroes in the county.

Loudon County - There are two small elementary schools. Negro high school children are sent by bus to Monroe and McMinn Counties.

Monroe County - There are two small elementary schools and one high school in Sweetwater. All Negro high school children of Monroe County and many from Loudon County attend the school in Sweetwater.

Mr. Fred Routh of our staff believes Dr. William Jones may have more information on the arrangements for Negro children in other Tennessee Counties. His address is:

Dr. William Jones
Professor of Sociology
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Enclosure

8/20/56

CALIFORNIA - 58 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro - 4.4 // Other Nonwhite 1.9

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Amador	3.0
Alameda	11.5
Alpine	34.9
Colusa	3.6
Contra Costa	8.5
Del Norte	6.3
Fresno	6.9
Imperial	8.0
Inyo	7.0
Kern	6.4
Kings	5.8
Lake	3.3
Lassen	4.2
Los Angeles	6.6
Madera	8.7
Marin	4.5
Mariposa	3.9
Mendocino	4.1
Merced	5.6
Modoc	3.6
Mono	12.6
Monterey	6.2
Placer	5.1
Plumas	3.7
Riverside	4.7
Sacramento	6.6
San Benito	3.8
San Bernardino	3.1
San Diego	4.3
San Francisco	10.5
San Joaquin	9.8
Solano	8.5
Santa Barbara	4.1
Santa Clara	3.5
Santa Cruz	3.1
Siskiyou	4.3
Sutter	4.9
Tulare	3.8
Yolo	4.0
Yuba	3.5

COLORADO - 63 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 1.5 / Other Nonwhite 0.6

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Adams	3.1
Denver	4.4
Montezuma	5.5

CONNECTICUT - 8 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 2.6 / Other Nonwhite 0.1

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% or MORE IN 1950

Fairfield	3.3
Hartford	3.1
New Haven	3.1

ILLINOIS - 102 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 7.4 / Other Nonwhite 0.2

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Alexander	31.7	Marion	3.1
Champaign	4.6	Massac	8.7
Cook	12.0	Morgon	3.0
Jackson	7.8	Peoria	3.7
Kankakee	5.5	Pulaski	37.7
Lake	3.5	St. Clair	16.8
Macon	3.6	Sangamon	3.4
Madison	5.3	Vermillion	4.2
		Will	4.4

INDIANA - 92 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 4.4 // Other Nonwhite ---

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Clark	4.6
Delaware	5.0
Floyd	3.3
Grant	3.5
Lake	13.8
Marion	11.8
St. Joseph	4.3
Vanderburgh	5.7
Vigo	4.2
Wayne	4.9

MASSACHUSETTS - 14 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 1.6 / Other Nonwhite 0.1

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Barnstable	5.0
Nantucket	3.3
Suffolk	4.8

MICHIGAN - 83 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 6.9 / Other Nonwhite 0.2

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Baraga	6.0	Genesee	5.3	Oakland	4.6
Berrien	6.2	Jackson	4.7	Saginaw	6.0
Calhoun	5.6	Lake	24.8	Van Buren	4.9
Cass	8.5	Leelanau	3.1	Washtenaw	7.5
Emmet	4.1	Muskegon	6.3	Wayne	13.9

NEBRASKA - 93 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 1.4 // Other Nonwhite 0.4

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Box Butte	3.0
Douglas	6.1
Sheridan	3.0
Thurston	21.1

NEVADA - 17 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 2.7 // Other Nonwhite 3.7

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Churchill	5.2
Clark	7.6
Douglas	14.1
Elko	11.4
Eureka	8.7
Humboldt	9.4
Lander	10.3
Lyon	7.8
Mineral	13.5
Nye	13.0
Ormsby	7.7
Pershing	5.6
Storey	3.3
Washoe	3.1

NEW JERSEY - 21 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 6.6 // Other Nonwhite 0.1

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Atlantic	16.3	Essex	11.6	Monmouth	9.2
Burlington	8.1	Gloucester	9.5	Passaic	3.6
Camden	7.6	Hudson	3.7	Salem	12.6
Cape May	7.9	Mercer	9.0	Somerset	3.2
Cumberland	11.4	Middlesex	3.7	Union	6.4

NEW YORK - 62 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 6.2 / Other Nonwhite 0.3

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Bronx	6.9
Dutchess	4.1
Erie	4.8
Franklin	3.6
Greene	3.1
Kings	7.8
New York	20.6
Orange	3.5
Queens	3.5
Rockland	5.2
Suffolk	4.9
Westchester	6.2

OHIO - 88 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 6.5 / Other Nonwhite ---

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Allen	5.0
Butler	5.1
Champaign	3.9
Clark	9.0
Cuyahoga	11.0
Erie	4.3
Fayette	3.6
Franklin	10.4
Gallia	5.0
Geauga	3.1
Greene	8.9
Hamilton	12.5
Jefferson	5.0
Lawrence	3.4
Lorain	4.7
Lucas	6.8
Madison	5.6
Mahoning	9.5
Montgomery	9.5
Muskingum	3.6
Richland	4.3
Ross	5.4
Stark	4.5
Summit	6.5
Tumbull	4.5

PENNSYLVANIA - 67 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 6.1 / Other Nonwhite ---

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Allegheny	7.5
Beaver	4.8
Chester	9.5
Dauphin	7.4
Delaware	7.1
Fayette	4.8
Mercer	3.2
Montgomery	4.3
Philadelphia	18.3
Washington	4.2

RHODE ISLAND -- 5 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro 1.8 / Other nonwhite 0.1

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Newport	4.2

WASHINGTON - 39 Counties

Percentage of Total Population
Negro - 1.3/ Other Nonwhite 1.3

COUNTIES WHOSE NONWHITE POPULATION WAS 3% OR MORE IN 1950

Clallam	3.7
Ferry	19.9
Franklin	8.0
King	4.2
Okanogon	5.2
Pierce	3.1
Stevens	3.5
Yakima	3.6

August 23, 1956

HCF:

Somebody told me that the Alabama Law Review did a helpful article on "Can Public Schools be Private?" Author one James Murphy. Came out about the time of the Tuscaloosa troubles.

GSM/eab

August 23, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I had occasion lately to be in conversation with Mrs. Gladys Kahn (I understand her to be Mrs. Moise Kahn). She telephoned me about some matters about the Council of Jewish Women of which she is, I suppose, a national officer. And we conversed pleasantly at an occasion at which we were both present at Ann Arbor, Michigan. She can be helpful to you.

She told me to let you know that David Fichman at Pine Street in New Orleans is newly disengaged, and is interested in these matters and available to be quite useful. I suppose that is Rabbi Fichman.

I duly pass these matters on to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 23, 1956

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Various of us on the staff became concerned over the matter which is the subject of the attached memorandum. It seems to me a matter of which you should be informed.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 23, 1956

A I R M A I L

Mr. H. S. Brown
Educational Director
Texas State Federation of Labor
412 Littlefield Building
Austin 15, Texas

Dear Hank:

Thank you for your letter of August 22nd.

I get to the airport at Austin at 7:14 p.m. Sunday, August 26th. Shall be on Braniff's Flight 57 coming from Dallas.

If there is nobody there, I will duly telephone GReenwood 2-0600.

Seems to me that with luck I ought to get out to that fancy place before the 8:30 meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 23, 1956

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Glad to have your long letter, which makes me put things together consecutively.

My getting out has no faintest note of disillusionment. It is compounded in good part of personal reasons, and in good part of what I think will be helpful to the Southern Regional Council and its goals. Here or there somebody will, of course, draw some quite unwarranted conclusion.

I think there is clearly need for the Southern Regional Council for a goodish period ahead. I would say six to a dozen years. And most urgent need for four or five years to come. I hold to my unpopular view that after a while each Southern state should be back in the Union as a regular member, and that there need not be a special organization of human relations agencies at work in the Southern states.

Your idea about more service to difficult situations from this office is one I had only begun to see the emerging of. Of course it runs counter to all I have been trying to do in putting action down to local communities. But maybe there could be ways by which, through the extension from here of your device of settled local consultants, the same purpose could be served.

Clearly there ought to be some good long staff discussions before the meeting of the Executive Committee September 21-22. Unfortunately, my opportunities for it are limited because I am gone from the office on personal business from noon on September 4th through September 13th, and maybe the 14th (have to take my children to the boat and to college).

I would be glad for you and Fred and Harold and John to put your views together at any time that might be convenient while I am gone. I am back for conferences a'plenty on September 17th and most of September 19th and 20th. But these later September dates would be awkward for you as I should think that college would be beginning again.

In any case, I am very likely to agree with what the four of you may think wise.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

August 23, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Thank you very much for your invitation to attend the planning session for the 25th Anniversary celebration of Highlander on September 4-6. Unfortunately I am tied up during that period and cannot attend.

I wish you and Highlander every success in the next twenty-five years and trust that you will be able to contribute as much to the enlightenment and progress of the South during the next quarter century as you have during the past.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mbo

August 22, 1956

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
League of Women Voters of Texas
1007 West 24th Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Thank you very much for the additional information on Negro membership in Texas Leagues. Even though you felt that the response to your request was poor, we are glad to learn of these integrated leagues in your state. Few of the Southern states had more than five integrated leagues. However, there is apparently a current trend toward the opening the league units since many had integrated within the last eighteen months.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

August 23, 1956

Mr. H. D. Ferris, President
Tennessee Library Association
U. T. M. B.
Martin, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ferris:

Thank you for the information on the integration of the Tennessee Library Association. In answer to an inquiry about integrated library associations, Mrs. Grace Stevenson of the American Library Association said in part: "At present all of the Southern and border states, with the exception of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee, have been redesignated. Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee have applied for redesignation but their applications have not yet been acted upon." This is from a letter of April 13, 1956, and the relationship between an integrated association and redesignation was not clear. We appreciate the clarification in your letter.

We wonder if you also have information on the main branches of public libraries in Tennessee whose services are available to Negroes. A copy of a survey of a couple of years ago is enclosed. If you can tell us of other open libraries in Tennessee, we would be grateful.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

August 23, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

ARRIVING DAYTONA SATURDAY EAL FLIGHT TWO SEVEN ONE - ELEVEN AM

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8/24/56

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Here is a much revised draft of a possible post-1957 letter to F for R.

By no means final yet.

For speed's sake I send you this rough copy for your comments, the while other copies circulate to the staff.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

August 24, 1956

Mr. John Hope
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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August 24, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Rose, Vice President & Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
120 Broadway
New York 5, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Rose:

This is to request the assistance of the William C. Whitney Foundation in financing the program of the Southern Regional Council during the next five-year period.

You will recall that the William C. Whitney Foundation has several times in the past come to the aid of the Council; the last such grant was made in 1953. In the interim, the Council has received substantial grants from the Fund for the Republic. The object of these grants was to enable us to provide financial assistance and field services to affiliated interracial organizations in the twelve Southern states. A minor part of these funds was available for the needs of a stronger and somewhat enlarged regional organization; but the greatest portion was earmarked for aid to the state groups. Our original agreement with the Fund for the Republic called for diminishing aid for three years, and concomitantly a sharply increasing demand for funds from other sources.

Today, the need for the Council's services is greater than ever. It is the only southwide body which has as its aim the mobilization of white and Negro leadership across racial lines. It provides information and consultative services not only to its twelve state affiliates, but to the national press, major religious groups, and a host of agencies, public and private, which are concerned with race relations. In the strain and controversy that have developed over the question of school desegregation, the Southern Regional Council is looked to for leadership by those Southerners of both races who favor compliance with the law of the land and the transition of the South to a more truly democratic society.

The role of the Council in the South today imposes solemn responsibilities. It carries with it the obligation to enlist the skills of the ablest staff persons available, and to provide both wise counsel and practical assistance to the local

people who stand for what is right at so difficult a time. To meet these heavy responsibilities effectively, the Council must have a substantial and stable financial base on which to operate.

The orderly resolution of the South's racial problems is perhaps the greatest domestic challenge facing the United States today. The Southern Regional Council as an organization of enlightened Southern people has the experience and the skills to make a rich contribution to this adjustment. To this end, we ask the William C. Whitney Fund for aid in the amount of $5,000 per year for a five-year period.

I am sending several documents which may assist your board in considering this request: (1) The last four quarterly reports of the Council's activities, including quarterly audits; (2) a copy of the Council's letter of tax-exemption from the United States Department of the Treasury; and (3) selected publications of the Council (mailed separately).

If further information will be helpful, we shall be glad to supply it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

Encs.

August 24, 1956

Mr. Michael Straight
The New Republic
1244 19th Street N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mike:

I tried to call you about this but found that you were vacationing in Colorado, presumably resting up from the hyper-stimulating experience of the Republican Convention.

As you will see from the enclosed letter, I'm following up your generous suggestion of last Spring that we ask the William C. Whitney Foundation for help over the next five year period. There could hardly be a better time for the Council to get assurance of this kind of support. The Fund for the Republic money is tailing off, and though they might conceivably give us more it is going to be tough to get enough, from all sources, to do the kind of job that the next few years call for.

I'm sorry that your projected tour of the south never came off. We remember your visit to Atlanta with all kinds of pleasure, and I hope it won't be too long before you get here again.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

P. S. Jane and I and the young ones just had a two week vacation near Jacksonville. We spent quite a bit of time with Les Persells, who asked after you.

Confidential

August 24, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Back in April, Father Shean sent me the drafts of the proposed leaflets for publication by the North Carolina and South Carolina Councils. Enclosed is a copy of the letter I wrote him then, from which you will see that my view was similar to that of your strategy committee.

Frankly I have never been much taken with the idea of widespread circulation of "tracts" aimed at the man on the street. I don't think that we can begin to compete with the pro-segregationists with this kind of appeal to public sentiment. I have felt that our efforts should be directed to reaching a more select audience made up of individuals who are influential at the opinion making level.

However, there is no such thing as the right approach in a field as complicated as this. And we have felt that it was healthy for the State groups to work up materials appropriate to local need as they see it. Therefore, we would not in the least want to discourage the kind of thinking which Father Shean is trying to work out. But if it is to mean anything, we feel that the editorial slant should be determined and executed by people in the States involved.

I discussed this matter with Dr. Mitchell. The only course we can suggest is that your committee express its views quite honestly to Father Shean and undertake to get the leaflets modified in such a way that everybody can agree on their usefulness. We want to be helpful in every possible way, but I don't think it would work for us to assume the responsibility for content and style of these publications. The result would simply be more centrally prepared literature which would not be likely to fill the specially felt local need.

We will shortly put out a revised edition of "Answers for Action" which will reflect generally the kind of approach and information that we think will be helpful across the South. Some of the states have already supplemented our literature with pamphlets or circulars specially directed to local circumstances. If you can work out the problem in South Carolina with similar results, we will applaud.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

August 24, 1956

MEMORANDUM NO. 13

TO: All Directors of State Organizations

FROM: Frederick B. Routh, Assistant Director

A number of inquiries have come in to the Central Office regarding student subscriptions to New South. After due consideration by this staff the following policy is announced:

Upon receipt of $1.00 by the Central Office, SRC is prepared to send to a bona fide college or highschool student a subscription to New South for the nine months of the school term.

The setting of student dues is the proper prerogative of the state organization. $2.00 would provide for the New South student subscription plus $1.00 for the state organization treasury. But the amount to be charged, if any, above the $1.00 subscription charge is a matter for each state group to decide for itself.

FBR:mef

August 24, 1956

Mrs. Jane Jacqz
World University Service
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mrs. Jacqz:

I have known John Paul Anthony, Jr. for some ten years now. I have known him as a student, friend and colleague. He is one of the most brilliant and able young men whom I have had the pleasure of knowing.

His integrity is unimpeachable; his honesty, above dispute; his character, above question. He is a person who believes in seeing the job through and seeing it through well. He is a highly effective public speaker, an able and interesting writer.

His experiences as a highschool teacher, as a representative of the Wall Street Journal, and as an SRC field worker uniquely qualify him for work with youth in the Southeastern section of the United States.

A native Virginian, he is dedicated to the democratic process and makes no distinction based on race, creed, or national background. He relates well with people, is courteous in manner, neat in appearance. W.U.S. would do well to secure his services. He has worked for SRC this summer on a special project; if our regular budget permitted, he would be our first choice for permanent employment.

Respectfully,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 24, 1956

Father John E. Coogan, S. J., Chairman
Commission on Community Relations
1106 Water Board Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Father Coogan:

Thanks very much for considering me for the position of Director of the Detroit Commission on Community Relations. I would have to wrestle mightily with my conscience, however, to leave the South at this time of social change, and to leave the Southern Regional Council at this time of uncertainty. As things now stand, my conscience would win out and I would find it all but impossible to bring myself to leave this area.

Certainly the position you offer carries a challenging opportunity to build better human relations in one of the nation's great industrial centers, and yet I feel there are others who are equally qualified, or better qualified, to carry that responsibility. The amount of leadership in the field of human relations in the South is not great and I feel a deep sense of responsibility both personally and professionally to assist my native region into more democratic paths.

I have been responsible for our twelve state organizations, and it would be difficult to break in a new person to this responsibility without a considerable amount of time.

I recognize that probably it will be a long time before I again have a chance at such a salary as your organization offers, but opportunity knocks in other than a financial way. The opportunity we face in the South is the challenge to make a living reality of our democratic philosophy. I believe that we will prove here that either a democratic government is capable of granting full citizenship to all of its people, or is unworthy of governing any of them.

Thanks once more for your kind consideration. I am honored that I was recommended to you, but I trust you will understand my position.

Respectfully,

Frederick B. Routh,
Assistant Director

FBR:mef

August 24, 1956

Air Mail

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

I remind you that I am a'coming.

Maybe you can have a note waiting for me at Lake Travis Lodges saying what, if any, morning chore you have for me.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

August 24, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

A belated note to thank you for your considerable help and courtesy during my visit and to request more help.

I am enclosing the preliminary biographical report on leaders of the Citizens Council of South Carolina. Where possible I would appreciate having your verification of this material plus any additional information you can add to them. We are especially interested in the educational background of these men and you will notice that we do not have this information in several instances. If you feel that others should be added to this group, we would also appreciate knowing of them.

Again my sincere thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA:mbo
Encs.

August 25, '56

Mr. Wm. E. Allen
Secretary-Treasurer, Florida Federation of Labor
P. O. Box 7063
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Allen,

I run into hard luck! Nothing I had rather do than have a part in the Lakeland school. And I am truly appreciative of the invitation.

Trouble is I long ago underyook to use the days from Sept. 5 through the 14th to haul one daughter to New Yrok to get on a boat for going off to college, and to go on to Lake George and haul the other daughter to Ohio for her College. So I am sunk.

Ben Segal, who is trade union consultant to the Fund for the Republic, has had an informal job of organizing the staffing of labor institutes in the South. He could maybe go, and he would be good. Or maybe he could send you Emory Via, from Virginia, Georgia, and Roosevelt College in Chicago. Segal's address is 1820 Jefferson Pl, Washington 6, D.C., where his telephone is Sterling 3-2194. Emory Via is for a few days at Decatur, Georgia, where his street address is 262 Maxwell Street, and the telephone there is Crescent ~~6xxx~~ 6139. I vouch for either guy; but Via understands the South the best. Son of a Methodist preacher in Virginia. Boy is now a Quaker, wife from Macon, Georgia. Taught in the old Georgia Workers Education School a few years ago (in Atlanta), where the A. F. of L. people were warm supporters.

Or Fred Routh, of SRC (as above) and formerly at the Univ. of Miami, would do you a good job.

Sincerely,

August 27, 1956

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Lovecky:

Again we are making application to the John Hay Whitney Foundations for funds for the work with the women of the South.

I know you are familiar with all of this and have in your files some reports of the meetings that have been held. I hope your foundation will find it possible to grant two thousand dollars this year. Please be my Portia at court.

We are having a South-wide meeting, October 30-31, bringing together the state churchwomen leadership of the three faiths, both races. This is the only time an interfaith and interracial church leadership gets together and plans together for a better South.

With a deep appreciation of your interest, and best wishes to you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

A formal request will go to the Foundation.

August 27, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of August 20, with enclosures.

Mr. Routh is out of the office this week, and is expected to return Tuesday, September 4. Your letter has been placed on his desk for his consideration at that time.

Sincerely,

Secretary to Mr. Routh

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Same letter sent: cc: GSA

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Mr. I. H. Burney
Mr. B. R. Brazeal

August 28, 1956

Mr. W. C. Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

The date of September 17, 1956 has been selected for the annual meeting of the Nominating Committee. This date falls on a Monday. We are scheduling the meeting for 2:00 P. M. in the office of the Council in the Wesley Memorial Building at 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.

As usual, the Council will assume your expenses to attend this meeting. Please let us know on the enclosed postal card whether or not you can attend this meeting.

The Committee will need to make nominations for three vacancies on the Board of Directors, for officers of the corporation and the various committees.

We are enclosing a list of the present officers and committee members. We had previously sent you a list of the Board members.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:mef

August 28, 1956

Mr. James T. McCain
318 W. Bartlette Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Jim:

Sorry for the mix-up on your salary check; this will be adjusted on the next one. As you requested, we will hold your latest voucher for payment at the completion of the project. Let us know when you are ready for the check.

I'm glad that your final report is shaping up so promptly and I will look forward to receiving it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 28, 1956

Pilgrim Press
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

On October 30-31, the leaders of the women's church organizations of the three faiths of both races from eight Southern states will be in a workshop here in Atlanta, seeking to find ways to ease the tensions that have arisen over the Supreme Court decision on the schools, and to pave the way for integration to be peaceably accepted.

These leaders have been meeting through the years whenever problems would arise in the South. We have named ourselves the Fellowship of the Concerned — Southern women concerned about their South. This is a program of the Southern Regional Council.

This workshop will be religiously motivated, as we all need to find the spiritual strength and spiritual power to face these days in our Southland. In our workshop, during those days, we would like very much to use the hymn, "We thank Thee, God," from As Children Worship, by Jeanette E. Perkins. We are therefore requesting your permission to mimeograph the song and use it. We believe it is the message that will fit in with our days' work.

We would appreciate hearing from you at an early date.

Hoping the reply may be favorable, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 28, 1956

Mrs. William Thomas Mason
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Mason:

I'll be glad to come to the Washington meeting November 16th and 17th, but it will be necessary for somebody to pay my expenses. They won't be much, because I'll be at Williamsburg officially November 15th, and from Williamsburg to Washington and back, plus a night's keep in Washington, will hardly break you.

I have asked Mrs. Tilly to write you about the various ladies. She's away for a few days, but will be back soon, and will write you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

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August 28, 1956

Mrs. William Thomas Mason, National President
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Mason:

Your request to Dr. Mitchell for a list of "white women of the South who are persons of good will, working steadily although perhaps now quietly to bring about justice for all the citizens of the South and in so doing to relieve tensions caused by fears," has been handed to me to answer.

The denomination leaders are as follows:

Methodist — Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson, Route 3, Laurens, S. C.

Presbyterian — Miss Annie Tait Jenkins, 341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

Congregational Christian — Rev. Annie B. Campbell, 673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

Episcopalian — Mrs. Duvall Chambers, 3517 Deverus Road, Columbia, South Carolina

Baptist — Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Virginia. (Write to Mrs. Spann Milner, 1109 W. Peachtree, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia for her street address.)

Disciples of Christ — Miss Velva Dreese, Ass't. Exec. Secretary, Christian Woman's Fellowship, Missions Building, 222 S. Downey Ave, Indianapolis 7, Indiana

From these women you can get a larger list.

I suggest you contact the Anti-Defamation League for a list of Jewish women and Father Shean (The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean, C. O.) Box 895, Rock Hill, South Carolina, for Catholic women.

I am very interested in your program, and I have always been interested in the work of the National Council of Negro Women, as you know.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly,
Director of Women's Work

MET:mef

August 28, 1956

Mr. Robert H. Mast, Chairman
Social Action Committee
354 Craft Avenue
Pittsburgh 13, Pa.

Dear Mr. Mast:

Your letter of August 21st to Dr. Mitchell has been passed along to me.

Under separate cover, I am sending you two informational mailing pieces concerning the Southern Regional Council and its work. These pieces can be supplied in quantity on request.

Also I am including some samples of our publications. Included in the package is an informational sheet on our publication "Changing Patterns in the New South". This publication is now selling for 25¢ per copy.

I hope this is the information you are seeking. If we can be of any additional help, please do not hesitate writing.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

August 28, 1956

Dr. Charles A. Johnson
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Just talking to you over the phone last evening gave me renewed courage and really bodily strength to keep on kicking on at this job of attempting to build understanding in our South.

Through the years you have been a friend that I have greatly appreciated.

The request has gone into you at the Foundation headquarters and the request is for two thousand dollars, and I know you will do the best you can for this work.

Deeply grateful to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

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August 28, 1956

Mrs. Spann Milner
New Ocean House
Swampscott, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Milner:

Here is the Urban League's 1954 report on parks and other recreational facilities in Atlanta. The major changes since that time are noted inside.

I am sorry to send you this bulky a document, but it is the quickest way. And I think you will find that the information you want can be quickly and easily extracted from the report.

Best wishes for a good experience.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

August 29, 1956

Dr. C. H. Parrish
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear C.H.:

Sorry I missed talking with you on the telephone yesterday.

If it is convenient for you to be here next Tuesday morning (and later of course) that would probably be the best time. George Mitchell will be here that morning, though he is off again as of the afternoon. Fred, as far as I know, will be here all week. I hope you can do it, because we certainly do need to talk.

I'm afraid there is no chance of my stopping over in Louisville on the Chicago hop since I'm booked on non-stop flights both ways and the schedule is pretty tight.

Unless I hear otherwise, I look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 29, 1956

Mrs. Bem Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

Just a note to tell you that I received the galleys of the desegregation report today. I'm rather unhappy that the booklet is not expected to see print until late in September, thus missing the opening of the new school year. But maybe it will get some attention anyway. I don't know yet what the publicity plans are - if any - but Bem will be getting a copy, and I hope he will have a chance to do something with it.

The voting study and our other projects are running a little behind schedule. The findings should begin piling up about the end of September. When I see where we are with respect to digesting the findings, and preparing the necessary reports and so on, you can expect to hear from me.

We had a pleasant two weeks on the beach at Jacksonville. I hope you and Bem have been getting some recreation too. Let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

P.S. Thanks for the clips you've been sending.

August 29, 1956

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, S. C.

Dear George:

What's happened with the youth piece, and have you given any more thought to the possibility of a book?

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

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New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Johnson:

A word of explanation about the enclosed formal request for assistance to Mrs. Tilly's work with the churchwomen for the next calendar year: I am sending it to you in Dr. Mitchell's absence from the office. I wanted you to know, however, that the request is being made at his direction and with his knowledge and approval.

Mrs. Tilly has told me of her telephone conversation with you. We deeply appreciate your support and assistance.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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Encs.

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630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The Southern Regional Council requests of the John Hay Whitney Foundation a grant of two thousand dollars for its work with the churchwomen of the South in the calendar year 1957.

The Foundation has been generous to us and has made possible Southwide meetings of churchwomen of the three faiths and both races to face together the critical problems of the region.

This work, as you know, is directed by Mrs. M. E. Tilly under an SRC program called "The Fellowship of the Concerned" -- churchwomen concerned about their South.

The Southwide assemblies have been followed up with more localized meetings in the various states, as follows:

South Carolina, Columbia - 72 state denomination leaders.

Louisiana - A meeting with the Executive Committee of the United Church Women in New Orleans and a larger meeting at Baton Rouge.

Alabama - A state meeting of about 100. A larger meeting at Montgomery, with 110 present, and another at Birmingham with 75 or more.

Georgia - A planning meeting in January at which ten workshops were outlined. Another meeting will be held September 18 and 19.

Florida - Two meetings: The larger one at Orlando, and a second one at Daytona Beach with church leadership.

Mississippi - Four different trips, meeting with small groups at various places. The conditions are such in Mississippi that the churchwomen have to meet in small groups, but there are courageous and fine women there seeking to find a way to ease tensions.

Texas - The meeting in Texas was the day before the meeting of the United Church Women. The attendance was very large.

Tennessee - Mrs. Tilly has been in Tennessee three times - twice to meet with the Board of Education of the Methodist Church and Dr. A. C. Miller, Executive Secretary of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, discussing with them the place of the church in these days of social change in our South. She also took part in a workshop in Memphis for church women.

Now, as to our need for this year. It has taken one thousand dollars each year for the Southwide meeting. The strains within the South demand this year as wide and representative an attendance as possible, in order that every vestige of local churchwomen's leadership may be involved. To this end, Mrs. Tilly has requested from the various denominations a preferred list of the women to be invited. Such a meeting will require a minimum of $2,000.

It is hardly necessary for us to elaborate to you the South's crucial need for leadership in this time of transition, or to emphasize the key role of churchwomen in quickening the conscience of the South. A grant of $2,000 from the John Hay Whitney Foundation will provide critical assistance in bringing these forces to bear.

Since we have sent frequent reports on the use of last year's grant, we omit the usual detailed account from this request. If further information is desired, however, please let us know and we shall supply it at once.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

August 31, 1956

Mr. M. C. S. Noble, Jr.
P. O. Box 26
Kingston, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Noble:

Thank you for your letter of August 24, 1956. We appreciate your request for our materials; but since we are a non-profit organization, we have very little free mailing pieces.

Under separate cover, we are mailing you a copy of our monthly magazine New South and a publications list. We also are sending you some material about the Council itself.

Again we are sorry that we have little free material, but if you are interested in any of this material, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

Separate cover -
South of the Future
SRC - Origins and Aims
April issue New South
Publications list
Three Views

September 4, 1956

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

How very kind indeed that is of you to send in a whole $50.00. We are very grateful.

It will go, I expect, to Mrs. Tilly's needs; and there could be no better object.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: SRC Official Receipt

September 4, 1956

Mrs. Gilbert A. Harrison
3556 Macomb Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nancy:

I have been slow about getting to you some account of what we have been doing with the New World Foundation's generous help. I have not been forgetful; I have been wound up in the difficulties of getting things done in August.

A longish report is being done and will be sent up to you by Harold Fleming in a few days time.

The thing really works!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 5, 1956

Mr. Howard D. Roberts, Associate Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Howard:

I sent you some materials and a hasty note last week. Hope it was possible to read the photographed items. Note that several of the pamphlets are marked "Please return." Will you please return them by September 17th.

I had planned to send some excerpts on integrated church facilities from the desegregation study, but our single copy was unavailable earlier. Since the meeting is today, I'm not enclosing these excerpts. However, if you feel you need these cases before the printed report is released (late September), please let me know.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 5, 1956

Mr. I. G. Newton
Department of Political Science
North Carolina College at Durham
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Newton:

In 1954 the Southern Regional Council sent out nearly three hundred questionnaires to police departments in southern cities to determine the use of Negro policeman. I am sending you a tabulation of these returns. The addendum showing employment of Negro police since 1954 was compiled from newspaper clippings; possibly there have been changes in other communities. A copy of Changing Patterns in the New South is also being sent. Please refer to the article, "Negro Police In a Southern City."

Most persons returning our questionnaire believed the Negro policemen had been quite satisfactory and had contributed to a reduction in the crimes committed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 5, 1956

Mr. Mayes Behrman, Director
Merit Employment Program
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Behrman:

Our desegregation survey is presently at the printers. We appreciate the assistance which you gave us and will send you a copy of the survey as soon as it is available.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 5, 1956

Mrs. D. M. Baker
1025 Gardner Boulevard
Barberton, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Baker:

We have a great deal of information on the reaction of regional and national church bodies to the Supreme Court decision on education. However, we have no knowledge of the effect of the decision on missions. I contacted the Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, but secured no information in line with your request.

I wonder if letters directly to the church's missionaries would elicit the information you desire.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 5, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Recently I talked with Morton Elder, lately of the Steelworkers, who is doing some work for Harold Fleming. Elder had been in Virginia. He suggested that you could strengthen your hand in the Norfolk area by being in touch with Clinton Wood, of the Baltimore, Maryland, office of the AFL-CIO, who is now at work in the Norfolk area, and lives in Richmond at 2022 Rosewood Avenue, where his telephone is 4-0687. I expect Elder knows what he, Elder, is talking about.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

copy: incoming from Mrs. Lawson
cc of this ltr to William K. Williams

September 5, 1956

Mrs. D. L. Lawson
620 Avenue B, N. E.
Winter Haven, Florida

Dear Mrs. Lawson:

I have been out on a Texas trip, and so am delayed in reaching your kind letter of August 26th.

Our Council undertook some couple of years ago to assist with funds for paid staff twelve human relations statewide agencies in each of twelve Southern states. We in turn have been aided by the Fund for the Republic. Our Florida affiliate is the Florida Council on Human Relations, whose executive officers are William K. Williams and Howard D. Roberts. Their address is 324 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, Florida. The Chairman of the Florida Council on Human Relations is Mr. Caxton Doggett, 376 N. E. Ninetieth Street, Miami, Florida.

Here is a leaflet about SRC, and a couple of recent issues of our magazine New South.

Do be in touch with the group at Daytona Beach. I am sure you will find many persons in Winter Haven who would like to find the way to peaceful understanding in this matter of obeying the decision of the Court.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

September 5, 1956

Mr. Kenneth F. Holbert
2531 Forrest Avenue
Dallas 15, Texas

Dear Mr. Holbert:

Here is Dr. Darnall's able and informative paper.

Good to be with you, and very grateful for your extra kindness in hauling me to that Lake.

I will talk with Fred about the business of Regional breakdown.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: "Freedom as a Way of Life"
by Dr. Erie Darnall,
Consulting Psychologist

September 5, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

You said the Citizens Committee in Galveston had done a bang-up report. Please rush me a copy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 5, 1956

Division of National Missions
of the Board of Missions
of the Methodist Church
1701 Arch Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

It is endlessly helpful to us to have the fresh check for $250, dated September 1st, from the Division of National Missions of the Board of Missions.

You are like a strong wall at our backs.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

Encl: SRC Official Receipt

September 5, 1956

Miss Elizabeth Stein
1008 Monroe Drive
Bloomington, Illinois

Dear Miss Stein:

I told you last June that a movie is being made out of the map speech. The people who are paying for it are the Presbyterians in the U.S.A., Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, in the person of Reverend H. B. Sissel. The movie is being made by Frank Willard Productions in Atlanta. Frank Willard Productions' address is 3223-b Cain Hill Place, N. W., Atlanta 5.

I went out there dressed up in a white linen suit afternoon after afternoon in hot July. Supposed to be done by late September. I still don't know how one gets hold of this movie, but I will let you know when that happens.

This is not general promotion, but for some reason I spoke of the matter in my letter of June 15th, and I wanted to carry through.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 5, 1956

Mr. H. S. Brown
Educational Director
Texas State Federation of Labor
412 Littlefield Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Hank:

David Keeler hauled me so pleasantly and cheaply Austin-Dallas that I spent less by seven dollars than the $14.70 or so billed you for my travel to cover that part of the run. So here is seven dollars back, to put into the pot. I had a grand time, and am grateful for everybody's friendship, and most for yours. Good luck up yonder!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: SRC check #305

September 5, 1956

Mr. David Keeler
c/o Mr. H. S. Brown
Texas State Federation of Labor
412 Littlefield Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Keeler:

You are a mighty kind person to haul me all the way up to Dallas! Enjoyed the ride and the company.

The plane people were stuffed full and wouldn't take me until the next morning. Comfortable night in the Southland Hotel and out to the plane on the 20¢ bus next morning. All in all you saved the Texas Federation of Labor $7.00, which is going back to them.

Let me know if you ever come to Atlanta or to Scotland.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 5, 1956

Mr. Donald G. McGarey
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McGarey:

We are deeply grateful for that whole big check, which completely squares the works. I am sorry you had to go through so much business to get the receipt back, but my Secretary-Treasurer would not have forgiven me if you had not fetched it back to us.

I had a mighty good time and I praise what you are doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 10, 1956

Mr. H. A. Baker
Agency Director
Mammoth Life and Accident Insurance Company
606-608 W. Walnut Street
Louisville 1, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Baker:

We have your letter of August 24th, in regard to your resignation as a member of the SRC Finance Committee.

We are grateful to you for having served on this committee and regret very much that the increased responsibilities of your work make it necessary for you to resign at this time.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assistant

cc: Mr. W. H. Perry
GSA

September 10, 1956

Mr. Richard Bentley
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bentley:

This is to give you some account of progress on the Consultant Service Program of the Southern Regional Council which has been assisted by the New World Foundation.

These are difficult times in the South, particularly for those who favor compliance with the Supreme Court's decision on desegregation. The price of working for democracy can prove high. In the Deep South and even in several of the more "moderate" states the state governments have thrown their influence and power on the side of segregation. Some of our state organizations' Board members and professional staff have been hard pressed by recent developments. But they have kept up their efforts to work effectively for the future of their states and the region. We believe that we have found, in the Consultant Service Program, a remarkable device to help them channel their concern into more constructive activity.

The Consultant Service Program has been operating for seven months; during this period consultant services have been provided to groups of lay Board members and professional staff in five states: Virginia, Arkansas, Texas, South Carolina and Florida. In addition, a sub-regional conference was held in Atlanta for the "hard core" states: South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. Both Alabama and Georgia will hold individual statewide conferences with a team of consultants before October 1st, and Kentucky plans a similar conference in the Fall.

The content and process of three of the individual state meetings (Virginia, Arkansas, and Texas) were described in our letter of request dated May 21st. Following are brief descriptions of subsequent meetings.

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Acting Director

HCF/eab

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September 11, 1956

Mr. Stanley High
Time & Life Building
Rockefeller Center
New York, New York

Dear Mr. High:

At the suggestion of Mrs. Spahn Milner, we are sending you copies of two separate documents concerning church reactions to the school decision. Hope these will be of some aid to you.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC/eab

Encls: New South, August, '54
"The Churches Speak"

September 12, 1956

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

This is a special word to supplement my routine letter dated September 11th asking you to let us know if we can count on your presence at the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting, September 21-22, at Atlanta University.

We earnestly urge you to make every effort to come. This meeting will be dealing with some of the most important questions the Council has faced in recent years. As you will have noted from the minutes of the July meeting, the following matters will be considered:

(1) The nature and content of a request to the Fund for the Republic for support after October 1, 1957, which marks the end of the present grant period. This involves the future of SRC, both in terms of financing and program.

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Administrative Assistant

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September 12, 1956

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

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Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

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Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

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First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

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Gammon Theological Seminary
Atlanta, Georgia

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Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

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3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Va.

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Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

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P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

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P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

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Dr. H. A. Bullock
Southwestern Research Institute
Texas Southern University
3201 Wheeler Avenue
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Dr. Bullock:

I am this long in acknowledging your final report on the Texas voting survey simply because the findings are coming in at such a rate it has taken some time for me to digest them. On a first reading I found your report most interesting and quite evidently it reflects a carefully conceived and executed project. I hope you will allow me to reserve the right to come back to you with any further questions that may arise as we prepare the South-wide report summarizing the findings from the various states. All of the reports should be in shortly and we will be pulling them together in the next few weeks.

I am most sympathetic with your problem on the marketing research report. Unfortunately, the SRC does not have the funds to underwrite its publication, and my inquiries among knowledgeable friends have so far turned up little in hopeful suggestions. I will bear the problem in mind, however, and if I turn up any useful ideas I will pass them on to you.

The vouchers you sent in have all been paid and mailed to the consultants.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

September 14, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

Have just received your letter of the 12th and I too regret that I was unable to see you again before leaving New Orleans. On Friday afternoon I became involved with Kent Courtney and took longer than I had expected.

Art Levin of the ADL here is of the opinion that it is unlikely the New Orleans office will release the files in which I was interested. Therefore I have had Art send a request for additional biographical information on Robert Patterson and W. J. Simmons of Mississippi and Kent Courtney of New Orleans. I think this information will be sufficient for our needs.

I would like to thank you again for all of the good help of you and your office during my brief stay there. Trust that I will have the pleasure of seeing you again in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA:mbo

September 14, 1956

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

I have just received a note from Miss Josephine Wilkins stating that she will attend the meeting of the special committee in your office on September 20.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

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Mr. W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

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2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

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203 Woolsey Building
Lake Charles, Louisiana

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63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Board of Charities and Social Welfare
333 East Hargett St.
Raleigh, North Carolina

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

TO: Dr. George S. Mitchell
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta 3, Georgia

As Chairman of the _____
(name of organization)

I hereby certify that said organization, affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, has not, during the fiscal year 1 October 1955 - 30 September 1956, engaged in carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempted to influence legislation, or otherwise engaged in any form of political activity.

_____
State Chairman

_____ _____
Date State

To: FBR
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Rev. Duncan Hunter
First Methodist Church
Alexander City, Alabama

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Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

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926 S. Sixth St.
Louisville, Kentucky

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Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

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Taft Hotel
Seventh Avenue at Fiftieth Street
New York 19, New York

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cc: "Top Knot"
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Richmond 22, Virginia

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P. O. Box 3086
Houston 1, Texas

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Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Most good of you and of Nick Kurko to get in that helpful $10.00.

I hope to see you at the meeting this week.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 17, 1956

Michael A. Foster, Esquire
Balliol College
Oxford, England

Dear Mr. Foster:

I am most sorry I was not in town when you kindly came through Atlanta. Come back again!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Jeremy Eyre, Esquire
Balliol College
Oxford, England

Dear Mr. Eyre:

I came home to Atlanta September 12th to find your note written at New Orleans September 7th. I assume you came on through Atlanta before I got back. Most sorry because I would have enjoyed being with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
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Mr. Robert N. Klein
Treasurer
The Division Fund
134 North LaSalle Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

Dear Mr. Klein:

I can't say that I know Dick Plaut and the work of the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students intimately, but I have been in Plaut's office and have talked to him two, three, or four times. I have had lunch with him two or three times, and we have talked over the work to be done in the South.

I think he is doing a good job of fetching out Negro students from the South and getting them into white campuses where they never would have gotten. I do not think they ever got going with lodging white students into Southern Negro colleges. But Dick Plaut is a wise fellow, temperate, and unrelenting in his drive, and his purpose is right. If I had $500 extra I would give it to Dick Plaut, and if I had $5,000 extra I still would.

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(Dictated September 14th)

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Worry not about the pennies that the pictures cost. There were two or three on the roll for the daughter, and the Mitchells are stuck with the cost of developing the daughter's miscellaneous photography anyway. I have put Ellen on the boat for Paris and have stuck Charlotte into college at Oberlin, and I am newly home today.

I will expect to see you in Washington later on this Fall.

Let's keep in touch. I am honored to know you and to know about what you will be doing.

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Mr. Seth Kobla Anthony
P. O. Box 1115
Accra, Gold Coast
Africa

September 17, 1956

A I R M A I L

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I have looked through and read good batches of Bonita Valien's nice pamphlet, which you were kind enough to send me.

Here is what I would say about it privately and publicly:

> St. Louis did a good job about putting the schools together. And did it well largely because responsible people in the city watched where they put their feet for each next step. If in your town you would like to find where to make the next steps, this pamphlet is likely to tell you.

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Linville Falls, North Carolina

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Dr. Preston Valien
Department of Social Science
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Preston,

Oscar Cohen has been in touch with me about the preposed team visits to Clinton, Sturgis, and Mansfield. I understand you are working with him on this.

I got a note from Francis Manis and a process report on the Clinton situation. He enclosed a letter he had written to your spouse, Bonita, in which he obviously enclosed a copy of the report.

Another Tennessee consultant had visited in Clinton several months ago and his report is no doubt on file at the office of the Tennessee Council of Human Relations. The office is located at Desciples' House in the Vanderbuilt-Peabody area. The consultant was Wilson Lindsey as I recall.

Anything I can do to help, I will be glad to do. Just yell.

Best regards to both you and Bonita, and my friends at Fisk.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bmm

September 17, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thank you for your letter of the 7th which I found in the office after spending sometime in Mississippi. As a little note of encouragement you may be happy to know that there are some areas which make South Carolina look like the land of liberalism!

I gather from your very helpful letter that you had planned to send the biographical sketches back to me with your notations on them. These were not included in your letter of the 7th. Would you please check this for me?

I think there is no question but that the South Carolina Citizens Council movement and the third party movement there are very close. Unfortunately few of these developments had taken place when I was there and the report was written prior to the announcement of the third party. Thus I am left to depend on newspaper accounts. Any information you can give me would be helpful and as a matter of personal interest I certainly would like to have your evaluation of the success of this current movement.

Unfortunately I will not be back in South Carolina since our time is already borrowed. This I very much regret and I too trust that I shall be able to see you again in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

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September 17, 1956

Miss Eulalie Ginn
Director
Wesley Foundation
University of Miami

Dear Eulalie,

Many thanks for the complimentary remarks about my participation in the Florida Convocation. I greatly enjoyed being with the Methodist students, and believe them to be in many ways the shock troups of progress in the South.

I noted with interest that the tempo of the conference picked up when Eulalie Ginn arrived. As usual, you did a superb job with the young folks.

I personally felt the high-light fo the convocation was the two impromtu speeches by Marie Roberts and Esther Martines, for both of them expressed the deep Christian concern for their fellow men which is so meaningful at this time of transition.

I shall certainly come see you whenever I am in Miami.

Best regards to all the gang.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bms

September 17, 1956

Dr. Gilbert Porter
449 West Georgia Street
Florida State Teachers Association, Inc.
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Gil,

Many thanks for your letter of September 13, to attend the annual meeting of the National Council of Officers of State Teachers Association at Hot Springs Arkansas. I would like to come very much, but unfortunately I will be tied up with work at our state organization on September 28, 29. ? The Georgia Committee on International Co-operation is holding a state-wide work shop for lay-leaders. This work shop will be directed by John Hope and his group of consultors. As director of the state organization, I must be present.

Once more thanks for the invitation and my regrets for being unable to attend.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bms

September 17, 1956

Miss Margaret Garrity
The President's Committee on Government Contracts
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Miss Garrity:

In accordance with your letter of August 9, 1956, we are asking for an extension on the loan of the film, "Commencement".

It is necessary for a number of persons on the staff to see this film, and we have been so busy that we have been unable to get everyone together. And so, if you will be so kind as to grant us the request for extension, we will be very grateful.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Information Service

September 17, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

Enclosed is a copy of the AP story as it ran here; I have also seen the Herald Trib version.

Clearly from my point of view, it is a good story! But I was perturbed to find that Bem Price had by-passed completely Loth's report. I called Bem about this, and his explanation was that, in view of the recent ruction down here, AP felt that the Southern findings were the news.

I take some comfort from the thought that the Northern report is still virgin and, along with Ernst's introduction, can get a major play when the booklet is ready for release.

I am way behind in acknowledging with thanks the several shipments you have sent recently. I hope to catch up on that and other things with you when I am in New York next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

September 17, 1956

Dr. Harry W. Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

Your letter of August 30th was appreciated. In view of the pressures on you as secretary of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, I had delayed writing you about deadline. We should have all of the state reports in a few days now, however, and I'm hoping that you can give me the prospect of an early completion date.

Incidentally I made a talk before the SPSSI, meeting in conjunction with the American Psychological Association. They too are pondering ways in which they can be useful in the South. We ought to knit up some links!

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

September 17, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your last letter in which you raise two questions.

As to the first, we should be delighted to get a supply of literature distributed in years past by SRC. You are quite right that this material is usually in scarce supply and has historical value. We appreciate your thinking of us.

In regard to the carry-over of Mr. McCain's August salary, our deal still stands. However, the amount was to be that of one month's normal salary for Mr. McCain; Mrs. Alexander tells me that this figure is $416.64 rather than the $500 you mentioned. This amount will be available to the South Carolina Council after October 1st, quite apart from the allocation that Dr. Mitchell wrote you about earlier. If the professional salaries are completely taken care of by the general allocation from SRC, you are free to use the $416.64 carry-over for other organizational purposes.

I hope this clears up the matter and conforms to your understanding of our agreement in July.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIR MAIL

September 17, 1956

Mr. Martin Quigley
Fleishman-Hillard, Inc.
407 North Eighth Street
Saint Louis 1, Mo.

Dear Quig:

Your much appreciated invitation strengthens my conviction that I am gifted with a reverse Midas touch. Two years your epic is in the making and the premiere falls on the one date I can't possibly come! Unfortunately our Executive Committee is meeting to ponder grave matters next Friday and Saturday. Naturally this knocks George Mitchell out too.

My proxy will have to go to Ping Ferry and Frank Loescher, if he comes. I look forward to seeing the film when it is ready for the corn pone circuit. It couldn't come at a better time.

My best to you and the other local toilers.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
CC: Mr. W. H. Ferry

September 17, 1956

Mr. J. E. Pierce
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pierce:

I was glad to get your letter of August 31st advising me that I might expect your findings shortly. I am looking forward to your report.

The vouchers which you forwarded with your letter have been processed and the checks mailed to the several consultants.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

September 17, 1956

Reverend Francis Schenk
St. Luciens Church
Spruce Pine, North Carolina

Dear Father Schenk:

Father McMahon will probably have let you know that all went well (I thought) with the meeting at Sylva on the night of September 4th. They had quite a good crowd. I found no outspoken objection. And the smaller gathering afterward was a most satisfying occasion to talk straight to the local people.

I figured out the mileage. They made me go a detour up there, so it was 178 miles to Sylva and 150 back. At 5¢ a mile, the 328 miles makes $16.40. That seems to me rather a steep sum to bill to you if it has to be paid personally. I hope there is some alternative purse from which the check can be written.

I liked Father McMahon, and we both remembered an occasion when I had spoken to a group of seminarians near Cincinnati, of whom he was one -- same speech. I am most grateful to you for arranging that occasion at Sylva, and I am mighty sorry that it did not give us a chance to be together.

I will be up in your territory sometime within the next two or three months I feel pretty sure. And you may be certain that there will be a visit to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 17, 1956

Mr. Morris Hirsch
79 Peachtree Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

I think the nicest sort of kindness is kindness that just drops. And when it drops from a neighbor it is twice as nice.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: SRC Official Receipt $100

September 17, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

On September 4th, at the invitation of and by arrangement of Father Schenk, I drove to and through Sylva, North Carolina, and stopped for a meeting of the Rotary Club at its dinner meeting. Father Schenk had been a few days before transferred to Spruce Pine from St. Mary's by Bishop Waters, and Father Schenk's place was temporarily being taken by Father McMahon.

All went well at the talk with the Rotary Club. Nobody got mad and at least a few were interested. After the Rotary meeting, there was a gathering in the Episcopal church of local citizens. Prominent among these was a local doctor named DeWees. John Alexander or Tartt Bell would know his initials and address. A Haverford man from the Haverford Meeting. He is a honey, and he will help you up yonder.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 17, 1956

Reverend Mert McMahon
St. Mary's Church
Sylva, North Carolina

Dear Father McMahon:

I am most terribly sorry that we didn't hook together after the meeting. But I had a good time and I am extremely grateful to you and to Father Schenk for arranging it.

Safely back from New York and Vermont and Ohio!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. I slept that night 50 or 60 miles east of Morganton. I am so sorry you had all that trouble. Maybe I can get back to Sylva before they move you again and we can have a proper visit. Meanwhile, if you come here on your way to South Georgia, do please stop and pay us a visit. I have written Father Schenk about the fifteen or sixteen dollars of expenses, and I am sure he will send it along.

September 17, 1956

The Honorable Brooks Hays
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

Do by all means come to see us when you come to Atlanta in October.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Copy of mine & enclosing comes, to John H. Marion

September 17, 1956

Mrs. Morris Brown
201 Sunset Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Brown:

I am so glad to have your letter of September 9th. Here's a check for $5.83 to pay for the phone call which ought never have been chargeable to you.

I don't think anybody with any seriousness anymore advances the notion that the Ford Foundation has communist connections. And those who accuse the Fund for the Republic (which helped us) are getting a bit moth-eaten. As to the Southern Regional Council, here is a history of it, and Jack Marion has a copy of a letter which we received from the Chairman of the House Committee on un-American Activities saying that we have never been cited or listed by his office of the Attorney General's office as either un-American or subversive. I think it is the height of Americanism to support the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

September 17, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

When Frank Loescher came down, he talked to us about a meeting of the Fund grantees in the South. We think of St. Helena's Island at the Penn Community Center.

As to dates to propose to you and Frank and any others from there who might come, we suggest: Wednesday and Thursday, October 24-25; Tuesday and Wednesday, November 20-21 (home for Thanksgiving).

We could work other dates, but suppose we first see how those stack up with you.

Our notion of a meeting would be something that convened after luncheon on the first day, and went over through the midday meal on the second day. Usually they get enthusiastic and themselves schedule a night meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 17, 1956

A I R M A I L

Miss Helen Raebeck
Head, Public Affairs Department
National Council of Jewish Women
One West Forty-Seventh Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Miss Raebeck:

Many thanks for your letter of September 14th. I hope the meeting tomorrow will give us both further chance to enjoy conversations with Mrs. Cahn.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 17, 1956

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
Executive Secretary
Butler Street YMCA
22 Butler Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Warren:

November 28th is fine, and I will show with pleasure.

I have missed the Club this Summer.

Subject will be something like "Civil Rights Today."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 17, 1956

The Harvard Business School Club
Washington, D. C.

Dear People:

I would gladly fill all this out, but I never was a businessman. I went from being an instructor in economics at Columbia University into a government job, and I have run some sort of eleemosynary organization ever since. So I can't qualify. So I leave the blanks blank.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

September 18, 1956

Mrs. Peggy Reeve
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Peggy:

I'm sorry we don't have binders for New South, but must also send ours out to be bound.

I certainly hope that the new program with which you and John are working will be fruitful.

I'm glad Ann likes her new job and hope that I shall be able to visit in Chapel Hill and Greensboro on a forthcoming trip to North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Florence Irving

FI/yb

September 18, 1956

Dr. John H. Fenton
Tulane University
Department of Political Science
New Orleans 18, La.

Dear Dr. Fenton:

I have read your report with great interest and pleasure. It is by far the clearest and most thoughtfully done of those I have received to date. Your interpretation of the findings is exactly the kind of thing I hope to do for the region in summarizing the results from the various states.

As we get into the preparation of the Southwide report, I may come back to you with some questions which you may be able to clarify for me. Once we have got that report out, I should also like to consider ways in which some of the best state reports, including yours, might be published separately and in full.

We are paying in full the vouchers which accompanied your letter of September 12th.

I appreciate your very effective cooperation in the project and hope that we may work out some further arrangements on the same basis later on.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

September 18, 1956

Dr. Louis C. Kesselman
Department of Political Science
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Kesselman:

Can you give me any word on when I may expect your report on Negro voting in Kentucky? The reports are coming in and I should have them all within a week or so.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

September 18, 1956

Mr. Sol Sutker
Oklahoma A & M College
Department of Sociology
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Sol:

What is the word, good or otherwise, on the voting study? I should have all but a few of them this week, and I'm looking forward hopefully to getting ycurs.

I hope the new academic year is starting out well for you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

September 18, 1956

Mrs. Agnes M. Douty, Assistant Director
Labor Education Division
Roosevelt University
430 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Agnes:

Good to hear from you after all these years.

The employment picture is one of the least documented. I am enclosing some results of a desegregation survey which we did a few months ago and which is being prepared for publication by the Fund for the Republic. Also, in case you missed it, a copy of a story from the New York Times which summed up the situation in the North. Emmet Hughes has a good long piece in the September issue of Fortune on economic opportunities for Negroes. Eli Ginsberg's book The Negro Potential, has some very significant stuff in it. Also enclosed is a list of a few other sources which might be helpful.

I hope all these odds and ends will add up to what you need.

It would be good to sit down for a talk with you and Ken. Let us know if at any time your work brings you this way.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

September 18, 1956

Mr. B. C. Hardin
702 East 18th Street
Georgetown, Texas

Dear Mr. Hardin:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 16th.

The article by Mr. Leflar was first published by Southern School News. We asked for and received reprint permission both from Mr. Leflar and from the Southern Education Reporting Service, which publishes the Southern School News.

I suggest that you drop a note to each of them similarly requesting permission. Mr. Leflar can be addressed at the Law School at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, and SERS, Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 5, Tennessee. I should suppose that they would be glad to oblige.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

September 18, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman, Executive Director
The South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

This is in regard to the Sumter County Citizens Council's accusation against SRC and Congressman Walter's letter which refutes it.

I am sure that Mr. Walter would feel that he has done all that is required of him by answering our letter as he did. The matter now is one for us to handle.

We will be glad to do whatever you and the Sumter group feel is wise. If you would like us to write Mr. Keels enclosing a photostatic copy of Mr. Walter's letter and requesting a public retraction of his earlier statement, we will do so. Let me know if this is the course you would like us to follow.

Meanwhile, enclosed are several copies of Mr. Walter's letter and of the broadside distributed by the Citizens Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

September 18, 1956

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

I thought you might like to know that we have distributed several thousand copies of the enclosed reprint of your article from the Atlantic.

It was an excellent piece and many people have expressed appreciation of it.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

AIRMAIL

September 18, 1956

Mr. Martin Deutsch
Jewish Family Service
113 West 57th Street
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Martin:

As I wired you yesterday, the source for the enclosed AP story is a copyrighted article in the U. S. News and World Report. I doubt that the U. S. News will be amenable to running a dissenting statement by other psychologists, but maybe so. In any case the kind of summary of the evidence which you are undertaking to work up should get good enough play, and I will be prepared to make some recommendations along that line when I see you in New York next week. As agreed, I will call you Tuesday morning.

Meanwhile best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.
CC: Dr. Robert Lee

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September 18, 1956

Mr. Martin Deutsch
Jewish Family Service
113 West 57th Street
New York, New York

McGurk views on racial traits in copyrighted article current U.S. News and World Report. Am sending AP story based thereon.

Harold

September 18, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council
2106 Nueces Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Nat,

In your log for August we have noted with considerable concern the August 21 item outlining a "declaration of opposition" to "measures against desegregation".

This seems to us to be dangerously near political activity. This you will remember is prohibited by your by-laws and your agreement with SRC and the Federal Tax Exemption Provision.

Please forward us a copy of the declaration. While we hope that citizens will protest against unwise political actions, this is not and cannot be the role of one of our state affiliates.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bms

Copies to: Mr. Fred Darragh
Dr.George S. Mitchell

September 19, 1956

Mr. Francis Manis
830 East Long Road
Alcoa, Tennessee

Dear Fran,

Thank you for the second report on Clinton with the list of people interviewed and a summary of their opinions.

I have O.K.'d and turned over to Mrs. Alexander your requisitions, and the check will be sent to you by her. I believe it will be wise for you to drop a note to Mrs. Todd telling her of the amount involved, and that the work was done with our approval. We are taking the money out of the funds allocated to the Tennessee Council.

Many thanks for the good work and the prompt response.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bms

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September 19, 1956

Promotion ltrs.
Copy of Next Steps in the South
enclosed with each.

These people were participants
in the Conference on the Local
Church and the Supreme Court
Decision in Charleston, South
Carolina, May 9-10, 1956.

September 19, 1956

Mr. William J. H. Booher
Trinity Presbyterian Church
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mr. Booher:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

Plenty here at 20¢ apiece.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 19, 1956

Reverend U. L. Brewer
P. O. Box 24
Edisto Island, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Brewer:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend Milton E. Cox
1401 Gregg Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Cox:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Mrs. Gladys R. Cole
Box 462
Cheraw, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Cole:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend Earl C. Downey
8430 S. W. 125th Street
South Miami 43, Florida

Dear Reverend Downey:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend John M. Ellis
317 Second Street
Cheraw, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Ellis:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Miss Evelyn Ellis
Due West,
South Carolina

Dear Miss Ellis:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend Joseph A. Gaston
Box 396
Winnsboro, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Gaston:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend Leslie E. Ginn
1414 Barnwell Avenue
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Ginn:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Reverend George E. Henderson
Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Henderson:

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Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Mr. W. K. Harper
1125 Grothe Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Harper:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend James H. Hudson,
Box 2242,
Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Dear Reverend Hudson:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Mrs. M. J. James
Charleston,
South Carolina

Dear Mrs. James:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend Joseph T. Jones
2112 West Trade Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Reverend Jones:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend Elliott L. McAdams
71 Secession Avenue
Abbeville, South Carolina

Dear Reverend McAdams:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Mr. Henry McKell
Anderson,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. McKell:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend S. P. McKelvey
1106 Wichman Street
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Reverend McKelvey:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend William S. Mercer
669 East Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Reverend Mercer:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend F. Perry Metz
932 Beaufain Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Metz:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend Edward Miller
129 Calhoun Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Miller:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend J. C. Miller
P. O. Box 89
Midway, Georgia

Dear Reverend Miller:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Mr. John Nelson
Radcliff Memorial Presbyterian Church
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Nelson:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend J. Herbert Nelson
P. O. Box 264
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Nelson:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Mr. Willie Nelson
Pageland,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Nelson:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend Pickens A. Patterson
511 West Thirty-Fifth
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Reverend Patterson:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend Olin W. Pearson
Box 68
Due West, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Pearson:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend F. O. Pharr
P. O. Box 764
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Reverend Pharr:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

September 19, 1956

Mr. Benjamin E. Price
Box 7
Walterboro, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Price:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

Plenty here at 20¢ apiece.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Mr. A. H. Prince
Columbia,
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Prince:

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Mrs. Ben Russell
824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greeneville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Russell:

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Executive Director

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Reverend Marion A. Sanders, Sr.
Route 1, Box 175
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Sanders:

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Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend Simon H. Scott, Sr.
11 Nassau Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Scott:

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Sincerely,

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September 19, 1956

Reverend H. W. Shaw
516 N. Eighth Street
Fort Pierce, Florida

Dear Reverend Shaw:

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Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Mrs. Leona Straker
1519 N. E. Seventeenth Way
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mrs. Straker:

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Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend Robert George Toatley
P. O. Box 182
Winnsboro, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Toatley:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Reverend John H. Washington
Route 1, Box 128
Johns Island, South Carolina

Dear Reverend Washington:

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Mr. H. L. Williams
Box 354
Savannah State College
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have done a good new pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Hope you will like it and will get some.

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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Mr. George S. Hauser
American Committee on Africa, Inc.
28 East Thirty-Fifth Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Hauser:

We are busily mapping out a schedule for Mr. Mboya. Looks like a full and pleasant time for him.

If you did let me know exactly when he is coming and when he has to go, we have lost the information. Can you send us that as accurately as you now may have it?

I hope he will stay at my house.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We were holding against your prospective arrival this incoming from the Fund for the Republic. Hearing today through Mr. Clement that unfortunately you can't get here this time, I slit the letter and took out the check and gave it to Mrs. Alexander as Secretary-Treasurer. It was payable to SRC and she will therefore deposit it.

We have made a photographic copy of your incoming from Yarmolinsky, and send the original on to you for your reply to him.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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September 19, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Alice and I will drive up in the last part of Monday afternoon, September 24th. We would like to sleep at Highlander if you can save us a bed. I don't think we can get there before 9:00 p.m. In the unlikely event that we don't get through to Highlander that night, you may be sure we will turn up for breakfast Tuesday morning and be there until the meetings are over.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 19, 1956

Professor John R. Bross
Talledega College
Talledega, Alabama

Dear Professor Bross:

A couple of years ago when Questions and Answers came out you bought ten of them. Here is a latest revision of it. If you need some more, let us know. They cost 20¢ apiece.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

September 19, 1956

Mr. W. L. Greene
Executive Secretary
North Carolina Teachers Association
125 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Greene:

We have done a new revision of Answers for Action. Here is one. If they can be helpful to you, let us know. Plenty here at 20¢ apiece.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

September 19, 1956

Mr. Henry Lee Barnett
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Barnett:

We have done a fresh revision of our pamphlet on what to do about the schools matter.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

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September 19, 1956

Bishop A. Frank Smith
1049 Kirby Drive
Houston 19, Texas

My dear Bishop Smith:

We have lately done a revision of our pamphlet on what to do about the schools. If they can be helpful to you, let us know. Plenty here at 20¢ apiece.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

September 19, 1956

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
Department of Social Education and Action
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

We did a good new one on what to do about the schools. Really a revision of Answers for Action. If you need some more, here they are at 20¢ apiece.

I have already sent one to each person who was present at the Charleston meeting in May.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 19, 1956

Bishop Willis J. King
631 Baronne Street
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Bishop King:

You know we have had a couple of earlier formats for our pamphlet on what to do about the schools. Here is the next revision. If they can be helpful to you, let us know. They cost 20¢ apiece.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 19, 1956

Editor
The Arkansas Baptist
Baptist Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

We have done a fresh revision of our pamphlet on what to do about the schools matter. ~~Copies.~~

Sincerely,

September 19, 1956

The Baptist Standard
Box 688
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sirs:

We have done a fresh revision of our pamphlet on what to do about the schools matter. [redacted]

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl.

September 19, 1956

Dr. H. H. Giles
Center for Human Relations Studies
Washington Square
New York University
New York, New York

Dear Mike:

We did a new revision of our pamphlet about the schools. Plenty here if anybody needs them. 20¢ apiece.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 19, 1956

Mr. Albert Vorspan
Commission on Social Action
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Vorspan:

I bought your book, and I am reading it and think it is a very nice job indeed.

Meanwhile, we have done a revision of our pamphlet on what to do about schools. I would like you to have a copy and I would hope that you would find places which we could chink up with other copies, or choke up with other copies.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 19, 1956

Mr. Harold C. Letts
Secretary for Social Action
The Board of Social Missions of the
United Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Letts:

The essential facts of this pamphlet have been in one or two earlier publications of ours. But here they are in a fresh revision that takes account of recent matters. If they can be helpful, let us know. They cost 20¢ apiece.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 19, 1956

Mr. Jack Clareman
Secretary
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation, Inc.
3040 Salmon Tower Building
Eleven West Forty-Second Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

We are as grateful as any hard-pressed body of people can ever be for the generosity of the Christopher Reynolds Foundation in making its grant of $5,000 to us.

We have had a spate of visitors from the ends of the earth these last few weeks; you may be sure we will smile upon each of them the more cheerfully for your aid.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: SRC Official Receipt.

September 19, 1956

Reverend William K. Williams
Executive Director
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill,

I am enclosing an artical taken from the Quill Magazine for September. It is done, you will note, by George Vickery, a fellow alumnus of ours. I thought you would be interested in this interpretation of what happened in Delray Beach. Please return the clipping. It is the only one we have. I will enclose a copy of it, too, which you may keep.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure:2

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September 19, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Exeutive Director
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen,

Thank you for your invitation to the Kentucky Board Meeting. Unfortunately, it conflicts with a meeting of the SRC Executive Committee, which I must attend.

You have been doing valuable work in uncovering statistical information on the degree of progress toward integration in Kentucky. You have received invaluable publicity; not only in Kentucky, but apparently throughout much of the South. The Atlanta Constitution just recently cited the Kentucky Council's figures on college desegregation in Kentucky. Keep up the good work.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bms

September 19, 1956

Reverend Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West 24th Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Ed,

Frank Loescher of the Fund for the Republic was recently through this office. He mentioned that on of their board members is a resident of the Lone Star State. The individual's name is Juble Parten, of Houston. Frank suggests that a subtle approach to this man should be helpful. We had in mind aquainting this chap with the work of the Texas Commission.

It would be wise to send him copies of Texas Schools in Transition when you get a couple. You might drop him an introductory letter explaining that the Texas Commission is a recipient of aid from the Fund of the Republic, through the Southern Reginal Council. You might say that you felt it a matter of courtesy to inform him of the activities of the Commission. You might want to aquaint him further with your organization. Sometime when you are in Houston, it would be well for you and Mrs. Crate to make an appointment and go by and visit the gentlemen.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bms

September 19, 1956

Reverend Robert E. Hughes
Apartment E
2921 19th Street, South
Homewood, Alabama

Dear Bob,

We have heard neither "hide nor hair" of you in lo these many weeks. We would appreciate some information on what you are doing. We are particularly interested in the Alabama Council securing adaquate office facilities in Birmingham. If you may remember, I asked once about the possibility of the Alabama Council securing a part of the house in which Dr. John Paul Jones has his office. I understand he now leases the entire building, and since he is our local chairman, I would imagine he would be interested in seeing that we had decent quarters.

Best regards to Dottie and the "wee one".

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bms

September 19, 1956

Dr. Stanley Martin
Methodist Board of Education
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Stanley,

It was certainly good to be with you at the Convocation in Florida. I appreciated so much your inspirational talks in the evening sessions.

I have put your name on our subscriber's list to New South, and you will receive it henceforth. I also sent you, some time back, several other publications. I hope that you have received them all.

It would be helpful to us if you would consider joining the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. The chairman of the Council is Mrs. James M. Todd. Her address is: 2005 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Things go well generally. At least with our work. I do not believe that the recent incident in Clinton, Sturgis, and Mansfield represent a continuing pattern of resistance to transition. In every case there was outside agitation, and this is something which must be noted by local communities planning integration.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

September 19, 1956

Mrs. James M. Todd
Chairman
2005 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mollie,

We have your letter to Mrs. Alexander regarding the payment of local bills by the Tennessee Council. You have a copy of the letter we sent to Woods Beckman, March 7, with an enclosed proposed budget. One item on that budget was a special emergency fund which totaled $944.00. You have spent little of that. We are therefore enclosing, with your letter a check for $300.00 made out to the Tennessee Council. This should be deposited in the Council's account and should be used for payment of local bills such as rent, telephone, etc. This will cover your question regarding the payment of rent for the offices for September and following months.

I certainly hope that Tennessee is going to meet its minimum requirements this physical year.

I still believe that there are a sufficient number of interested people in Tennessee to form a functioning Board of Directors. We further feel that the Clinton incident points up the need for your organization.

I am going to Nashville Wednesday, October 3. I would like to talk with you and at least the Nashville Board members about the Tennessee Council. If you would arrange a luncheon meeting at the Methodist Center, it would be helpful.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

C.C. Ruth Alexander
Enclosure: 2
FBR/bms

September 20, 1956

Miss Thelma Smalley
Lincolnton
Georgia

Dear Miss Smalley,

My days have been so full of meetings and conferences over the South, it has been impossible for me to give more explicit plans about the October 30 and 31 meeting. Please note these dates.

You will hear further from me before a week is over as to the plans and etc. You remember the October 30 and 31 meeting work shop is for the leadership of the three faiths and both races of church women of the South. Please reserve these dates and be with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bms

September 20, 1956

Miss Acka Lewis
Funston
Georgia

Dear Miss Lewis,

My days have been so full of meetings and conferences over the South, it has been impossible for me to give more explicit plans about the October 30 and 31 meeting. Please note these dates.

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Miss Ann Pearre
Young Harris College
Young Harris, Georgia

Dear Miss Pearre,

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Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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September 20, 1956

Mrs. Ruth Beasley Mincey
Box 872
Rochelle, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Mincey,

My days have been so full of meetings and conferences over the South, it has been impossible for me to give more explicit plans about the October 30 and 31 meeting. Please note these dates.

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September 20, 1956

Miss Addie Mae Jamieson
483 College Street
Macon, Georgia

Dear Miss Jamieson,

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Miss Virginia Courtney
1347 Cave Spring Road
Rome, Georgia

Dear Miss Courtney,

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Director of Women's Work

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September 20, 1956

Miss Betty Jo Hill
Box 373
Forsyth, Georgia

Dear Miss Hill,

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Director of Women's Work

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September 20, 1956

Miss Jean Stocks
Irwinton
Georgia

Dear Miss Stocks,

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Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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September 20, 1956

Miss Patricia Bennett
Buena Vista
Georgia

Dear Miss Bennett,

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Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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September 20,1956

Miss Willa Dean Lindsay
810 S. Broad Street
Cairo, Georgia

Dear Miss Lindsay,

My days have been so full of meetings and conferences over the South, it has been impossible for me to give more explicit plans about the October 30 and 31 meeting. Please note these dates.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bms

September 20, 1956

Mrs. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson,

I have not heard from you since you agreed to write one of the worship services for the October 30 and 31 meeting. I am enclosing one of the worship services prepared for us by Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn.

I would appreciate getting your worship service as early as possible because all of us here at the office require a great deal of mimeographing, and I do not want to wait until the last to get mine done. These worship services will be included in the work book that we use in our work shop.

While you are here, you will be a guest in the home of Dr. George Mitchell.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Enclosure

MET/bms

September 20, 1956

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat,

I have just received your letter of September 19, asking about my traveling plans to Arkansas. Supposedly, I was going to attend the panel at Hot Springs on September 29 and 30. Unfortunately, this is not the case; though I was invited to participate.

I have written Mr. Porter and explained to him that I will be tied up during the dates of the conference here in Georgia. The Georgia Committee is holding a work shop for key committee leaders under the direction of John Hope, and I have been asked to do the summary of the conference and to act as a resource person throughout the conference.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bms

September 20, 1956

(Dictated September 19)

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

A long long time ago you suggested that I apply to the Christopher Reynolds Foundation. I did and they sat on it. I poked them a couple of times and this morning they came through with a check for $5,000!

That puts us well over the top on raising our $55,000 this year; and it is the sweetest kind of money because it waters our stem, and that is what needed watering.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: to 414 South 46th St.
Phila. 4, Pa.

September 20, 1956

Miss Paula Cohen
Social Studies Club
Bard College
Annandale-On-Hudson, New York

Dear Miss Cohen:

Sure I will be along and in good order. "The Face of the South" is what the movie calls the speech, although I call it "The Map of the South." But what difference does it make.

Your letter said Rhinebeck or Barrytown were places to get off, but the railroad recognizes only Rhinecliff and Barrytown. Just spearing around I pick Rhinecliff, and I will take on Wednesday afternoon, October 3rd, the New York Central's 3:45 p.m. upstate special which speeds into Rhinecliff at 5:55 p.m. E.S.T., which is five minutes to 7:00 daylight saving time. Obviously you couldn't feed me between five minutes to seven and 8:00. So I will get fed on the train. I will count on Bard College to find me a bed that night and next morning. If manageable, I would like to take the 7:13 a.m. southbound, which is really 8:13 a.m. daylight time, and head on back into the city.

As to the speech. It needs a very few props. It needs a large well-lighted blackboard and it needs some colored chalk. I will count on you to provide the props.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 20, 1956

HCF
FBR
CHP
JC
JH
FBI

These two recent productions were handed me by Mr. A. C. Miller. A pretty good job of arguing -- at least the blue one, and maybe the red one.

Encls:
The Unity of Humanity by John Hall Jones
"Integration" by T. B. Matson

September 20, 1956

Miss Elsa Alsberg
Executive Director
Palo Alto Fair Play Council
Room 8, 180 University Avenue
Palo Alto, California

Dear Miss Alsberg:

I greatly appreciate your letter.

I think the thing that most needs doing is for nine, ten, or a dozen carefully selected citizens, some white and some Negro in each Southern community to meet together six or eight times. Their special purpose would be to find all of the exact local facts about the school system. Never mind listing the things that would be found, you can add those up. Having the exact local facts assures that some kind of a plan will pop up out of the facts. And on the basis of what to the local committee seems workable, almost always the whole community would proceed. Indeed, if the case should be brought before the court, nine times out of ten the judge would rewrite the committee's plan! There are some special safeguards that need to be introduced. The participants must be open-minded and truly representative of the courage and go-aheadness in the community. And if in some communities not enough go-aheadness can be found, some should be imported to service the committee's deliberations.

Honestly the best thing anybody away can do is to push through his or her church or group or union or professional association or what have you to get this done in many communities in the Southern states. It would solve the problem. Out of the meetings will come friendships, and out of friendships come agreement, and out of agreement will come performance. I send you a bloomin' good booklet which talks about this.

Of course we need money. Everybody needs money. And we have to raise an astronomical amount each year to match our basic foundation grant. And $5.00 is quite a lot of money to people who need money. But more than the need for money is the need for action by people hereabouts.

If you can stir up any action -- courteously as you would -- please do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

September 20, 1956
(Dictated 9/19/56)

TO: RHA

FROM: GSM

You and Fred Routh have brought up the question of possible carry-over into the coming fiscal year of bits of this year's money for a couple of the state organizations. Specifically Tennessee and Virginia. We will have left over at the close of this fiscal year approximately $10,000. I suggest that half of this carry-over be made available to the support of the central office in fiscal 1956-57, and the other half, being specifically $5,000, be available within the discretion of the Executive Director for emergency and special tailor-made assistance in fiscal 1956-57 to this or that state.

The Executive Director would, in this matter, be principally guided by the guidance of the Assistant Directors for State Organizations.

GSM/eab

cc: FBR

September 20, 1956

Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

I thought your meeting went very well indeed.

I had one recommendation that seemed to me to get lost in the last few minutes of anxious speech-making. I wanted somebody to write each of the agencies about once a quarter and ask them how many locality groups having meetings of the kind described they have got going, and where, and any news of how the groups are doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: Mr. Arnold Aronson

September 20, 1956

Reservations Clerk
The Abbey Hotel
Fifty-First Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Sir:

I would be grateful for a room for the night of October 2nd. I am gone October 3rd, but I would be back October 4th.

Will you try to hold me a room at minimum rate for those two nights?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 20, 1956

Mr. Jack Sessions
Acting Director
ILGWU Training Institute
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I have to make a speech at the New School the night of October 2nd. I hit New York in the dawnings of October 2nd and I am there all that day and until 3:00 p.m. October 3rd and on the 4th and most of the 5th.

If I could usefully serve the Training Institute group, I would be glad to. How does it look?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 20, 1956

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Gene:

Here I come to make a speech at the New School the night of October 2nd. Shall be hanging around New York from the dawnings of October 2nd until sometimes October 5th. Expect to stay at the Abbey Hotel.

How about trying to save supper-time for me October 4th, and I will set you up at the Gramercy Park or wherever.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 20, 1956

Mr. Broadus Mitchell
49 Barrow Street
New York, New York

Dear Broad:

New York October 2nd at the New School is my date with them. Bobsie arranged for me to go to Bard for the evening of October 3rd. I will be in New York all day the 2nd and the morning of the 3rd, and all day the 4th and most of the 5th. I have asked the Abbey Hotel to save me a room, and I expect they will.

I will call you and Louise at breakfast time on Tuesday, October 2nd, and see when is a good time for me to come a'visitin'.

We had a delighted letter from Ellen, and Charlotte likes it all right at Oberlin.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 20, 1956

(Dictated September 19)

Miss Esther C. Stamats
Director, Christian Social Relations
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the U.S.A.
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

Yesterday at the good meeting I gave you a copy of our new little booklet. This is to remind you to check into whether the church women will buy some. I printed no largish amount, but we still have got some thousands, and would love for you all to get ten or four hundred.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 20, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Most kind of you.

I could be there at any time in the following periods:

October 26-29
November 5-10
November 22-26

And if none of those times would suit, I could arrange something else.

Let me know as soon as you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 21, 1956

FBR:

On Page 2 of Mrs. Spearman's report for August, 1956, I note that Mrs. Spearman says that she made a trip tp Elloree, South Carolina, after "Hugo Sims, of Orangeburg, gave the insight into the political situation in Elloree."

I am not suspicious, but I would think the Bureau of Internal Revenue might be.

What advice do you give me about a general policy on situations such as that described in the last paragraph of Mrs. Spearman's report?

September 21, 1956

Dr. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Johnson,

I have been out of town for the last three days at a work shop on intergration with the United Church Women of Georgia.

Reaching the office this morning, I found your letter giving me the news of $2,000 from the John H. Whitney Foundation. I know that I owe you a debt of graditude for pushing this through for me and for the church women of the South.

All during the years you have understood what I have been trying to do to further my work with the church women of the South. This has given me encourgement, support, and daring to do the things that I know should be done.

Please accept my sincerest graditude.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bms

September 21, 1956

Mr. Paul Sifton
Washington Office of UAW-CIO
Walker Building
734 15th Street, N.W.
Washington 5, D.C.

Dear Paul Sifton:

On August third we made application to the William Green Memorial Fund for an appropriation for the Southern Regional Council work with the church women for some $17,500, and we have not heard from them. (See enclosure)

You are somewhat familiar with what I have been doing with church women and I am wondering if you could put in a plea to the William Green Memorial Fund for me. I am also sending you some Gleanings from the various meetings I have held in the last two years on the question of the Supreme Court Decision. Dealing with this work, I have definately come to the conclusion that the church women of the South must be the shock absorbers and interpretors of the Supreme Court Decision on schools. We are having a South-wide meeting in Atlanta on October 30 and 31, made up of the women state leaders of each domination, Catholic and Jews, and members of both races.

If it is not possible to secure the full amount requested, please see what you can do for us. I do not need to remind you of the confused and troubled state of our South. I do want to say, however, all over the South, our people know that the Supreme Court Decision is final, and are seeking ways to meet the situation without flare-ups such as they had at Clinton, Tennessee.

Please know we would appreciate anything you might do for us.

I would love to have you and Mrs. Sifton at this meeting the 30 and 31.

With the best of wishes to you, and the deepest appreciation of your friendship.

I remain,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director Women's Work

MET/bms

September 21, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

Thanks for the clips on your college desegregation release. The story ran here, and we were delighted to see it. Let us know of any interesting or significant information that may come your way on the recent unpleasantnesses in Kentucky.

Fred has passed on to me your letter inquiring about literature. There are several alternatives, which may be followed in any combination you wish:

1. You may buy literature from us at cost and resell it yourself at the regular price.

2. You may order literature from us on consignment, later sending us the full purchase price for those copies sold and returning the unsold.

3. You may plug our literature and urge people to order it directly from us.

All of these processes are in use, and different states handle it differently. My feeling is that for program material (example: Next Steps in the South) it is well for a state office to buy a reasonable quantity outright, since it is pretty certain that it can be sold. As for more speculative and expensive material, the consignment plan is better. As to use #3, it is probably just as simple for you to advertise the materials as being available through your office and to forward orders to us if you can't fill them.

Let us know how you want to work it and we will arrange it that way.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

September 21, 1956

Mr. Bem Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Bem:

I thought you and Margaret would want to see the enclosed "fan" letter from the Dixie Rope & Gun Klan in Texas.

On the more constructive side, the article, which got good play in the Atlanta papers, has occasioned a good many favorable comments. As a summary of the Southern report, it was very well done. And, of course, I appreciate the build-up you gave this guy Fleming - though, I must say, it made me feel worse than ever at not being able to acknowledge the real prime mover in the report. (Miss Walzem I mean)

Thanks also for the clips, which were very good.

More later.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF:mbo
enc.

September 21, 1956

Mr. Maxwell S. Stewart, Editor
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Stewart:

When the recent outbreaks occurred, I had managed to get a draft a little better than half done. My situation has seemed to grow steadily worse than better.

I finally did what I should have done sometime ago - namely enlist the collaboration of a fellow staff member who is not quite so hard pressed. John Constable is working on the second half of the job, and I hope between us we will be able to come through at last.

One of the worst things about the delay is that the manuscript periodically becomes anachronistic while you are working on it. The short summaries on Tennessee, Texas and Kentucky will have to be somewhat revised!

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

September 21, 1956

Mr. Maxwell M. Rabb
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Max:

I appreciate your note and can well understand how hard pressed you are going to be during the campaign.

I am glad that you see the possibility of our pursuing the matter further in late November, and I will be in touch with you again then.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

September 21, 1956

Dr. Louis Kesselman
University of Louisville
Department of Political Science
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Kesselman:

Thank you for your very carefully worked out tables and the introductory text on registration and voting in Kentucky. Your caution against the use of these data for statistical correlation is well taken. We will limit ourselves, in the case of Kentucky, to reporting the figures (qualified by the reservation) and discuss your other findings in narative form. I am looking forward eagerly to seeing the second half of your report.

Enclosed are checks for the two vouchers which you submitted.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

September 21, 1956

JC:

The tick-marked Mangum book is one of which SRC once had a copy, but alas the copy is lost. It was a much consulted book when we had it and I have known two or three occasions since when we pined to have it, or have even sent over to the Carnegie Library to consult theirs.

If you agree that we might afford a new one at $1.50, please so notify Mrs. Alexander.

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 21, 1956

Miss Florence Sytz
Tulane School of Social Work
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

That is extremely kind of you to make so generous a contribution to the Council. We need it quite particularly.

Do come to the Board meeting at Williamsburg. It ought to be a nice occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: SRC Official Receipt $125.00

cc: Mrs. Mitchell
+ photo of incoming

September 21, 1956

Mr. Eugene B. Block
Executive Director
Jewish Community Relations Council
40 First Street
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Block:

By present plans I am to be in Atlanta October 15, 16, 17, and thereabouts. I do hope you and Mrs. Block will come and see us.

The right thing to do would be to stay at the Mitchells' house. We are six bedrooms and three baths, and nobody but Alice and George Mitchell living in the house because the daughters have grown up and gone off. We are at 906 Lullwater Road, just a long block off of Highways 29 and 79, which is the main east-west way through the city. Northeast corner of the city in the neighborhood called Druid Hills, on the necessary road from the main drag (Ponce de Leon Avenue) to Emory University. Telephone number (unlisted, so note it down) DEarborn 5961.

Arrive at any time day or night. The house is always open.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 21, 1956

The Honorable Brooks Hays
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

I am having hard luck about getting with you! October 2nd and 3rd I am in New York!

But I will see to it that very soon we do get together, either in Washington or somewhere else.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 24, 1956

Arthur James Evans, Esquire
British Consulate General
Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Evans:

I noticed in a recent issue of The Colonial Review, (University of London), that the Legislature of Jamaica has passed a Facilities for Title Law, "to enable small farmers who do not have established titles to their land to secure titles cheaply and more expeditiously; provided it is reasonably clear that the lands belong to them."

In my experience, quite a number (particularly Negro) of small farmers in the Southern states are similarly caught in vexatious problems of land title.

If you would be so very kind as to obtain a copy of the Jamaican law and send it on to me, I will take some measures to have the Jamaican precedent known and perhaps made use of in some of the Southern states.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

9/24/56

JC:

I have discovered somewhere reference to an article by one Julius Lewin in the April-June, 1956 issue of the Political Quarterly (London), being an article called, "The Struggle For Law in South Africa."

"For the theory of human equality which inspires the rule of law, and the theory of racial separation which inspires the South African Government have come into collision again and again."

That is a most interesting idea that the theory of human equality underlies all law.

Worth digging at?

GSM/eab

September 24, 1956

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

We propose to send out to our state people some such letter as this.

Quite a number of years ago Leonard Haas prepared for us a memo delimiting political activity for a tax-exempt organization. Unfortunately SRC's copy of this memo has been misplaced in our files and does not come to light, and I believe Leonard does not have in his office a copy of the memo.

If you would be so kind as to scan this proposed letter and correct it where need be, we would be extremely grateful. If for any reason the general tone or purpose of the letter is unwise, tell us so.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

DRAFT
Dictated September 20, 1956

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Chairmen and all Executive Directors of SRC Affiliated State Organizations

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director

RE: Political Activity

We have had disquieting accounts in recent weeks of activities in one, two, or three of our state organizations which seem to us to border upon the political. We have taken these matters up individually state by state. But, precautionarily, I now review the whole matter with all of the state organizations.

You have received from the Central Office the following items re political activity:

1. Memorandum #1, issued April 10, 1954, from which I quote:

"NO POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The statute governing U. S. Tax Exemption is as follows:

EXEMPT CORPORATIONS

'51. Exempt Corporations. The following corporations and organizations are exempt from the income tax:

'(6) Corporations and any community chest, fund, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (Code Sec. 101 (6) and Reg. Sec. 29.101 (6)-1).'"

Quite a similar restriction is made by the statute upon gifts from individuals.

2. Memorandum #4, issued September 2, 1954, laid down the non-political requirement for state organizations' by-laws.

3. Fred Routh's memorandum to all state chairmen and all state directors, dated March 2, 1956, renewed the control of Memorandum #1 upon political activity.

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4. In addition, you are aware that this office requires the chairman of each state organization at the close of each fiscal year to sign a certificate using the following words:

> "As Chairman of the [name of organization] I hereby certify that said organization, affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, has not, during the fiscal year [date], engaged in carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempted to influence legislation, or otherwise engaged in any form of political activity."

The Southern Regional Council, like any other tax-exempt organization is bound by the language of the statute as stated in memo #1.

Counsel tells us that exact definition of the phrase, "no substantial part" has not become available through the courts.

We think the only safe course to follow is to avoid <u>all</u> political activity.

The tax-exempt status of the Southern Regional Council, along with that of a great many other educational organizations, is currently under review by the appropriate unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

We realize that state organizations will often be pressed for activity bordering on the political. We can only tell you that you simply must refuse to engage in any activity suspicionable of being political.

We have had one instance in which a state organization assisted certain entirely local unaffiliated bodies which proposed political participation. Fortunately the matter was caught before anything of this kind had been done. And we were able to make clear to that state organization the settled doctrine of law that you cannot accomplish by indirection what is directly forbidden by statute. So do not attempt amateur strategies to avoid the plain requirement that is upon you.

It may be readily believed that there is need in this or that state for an organization to express a directly political discontent. Maybe so.

BUT your state organization cannot be that organization -- in whole or in part. The choice for your state organization was between: (1) enjoying assistance from the Southern Regional Council with strict observance of the no-political-activity-requirement; and (2) complete independence, raising your own money, and doing as you might choose on matters political. That is still the choice.

To the rule of no political activity there appear to be certain partially agreed exemptions.

One of these is the matter of educating for or against a principle as opposed to pressing for or against a statute or statutory proposal. Pretty clear you would incur no penalty for being in favor of the principle of honesty in government. And so long as that is a matter for general educational discussion among the people of a community or of a state, you are not constricted. But the moment a proposal for legislative action takes shape defining honesty in government, or perhaps penalizing dishonesty in government, your efforts as to education must cease. You cannot be for or against a particular legislative proposal.

There is a twilight zone where some particular legislative proposal is merely <u>under discussion</u>. For the moment the proposal may not have taken shape as HRBill 2305. But if there is sufficient clarity about the proposal for it no longer to be a vague general proposal, you had better cease to be for or against the proposal. And constitutional amendments, we think, often come under this paragraph.

Of course it is perfectly clear that you can never be for or against any particular candidate for public office.

One other exception should be noted. It seems to be agreed that if a tax-exempt body is called upon in its capacity as an expert to testify before

a legislative committee (which committee may be shaping legislation), the tax-exempt body will be permitted so to testify; and can hardly endanger its tax-exemption status by so doing. But we would add that the invitation must be genuine and unsolicited and not "fixed" or "arranged."

All of this is really not so disastrous a limitation as might appear. Statistically speaking, all our friends in any given state count but little at the ballot box. And it would be unworthy as well as illegal, bombastically to threaten what you are going to do at the polls when the most you can hope to adduce is .0027 per cent of the votes!

Please write me that you have read and understand it. I send a copy to your chairman to be sure that he understands it, and I ask also for a letter from him saying that he has read it.

Fred Routh's memo of March 2, 1956, referred to above, also says, "You should also consult local legal counsel for an opinion on applicable state laws."

I would point out to you that you are in a very dangerous situation if you are proceeding, in the present state of affairs in the South, without the steady advice of legal counsel. Some of you may be so proceeding. The reason advanced may be that you have not got enough money to pay a lawyer. Almost certainly, for reasonable effort on the part of Board members, volunteer legal advice could be had.

Please let me know by November 1st what arrangement your state organisation has made to give it the advantage of steady legal counsel.

We know what a tough situation your state group faces, and we don't want to hamper you with any more restrictions than can be helped. But I am writing you thus strongly on this point because on our tax-exempt status hangs the very existence of our movement in the South.

Sincerely,

September 24, 1956

Mr. John B. Howard
Director
International Training and Research
Program
The Ford Foundation
477 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Howard:

That is right, and I will show at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 5th, at your office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 24, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I am holding the whole period, October 26-29, for you and can be at Houston.

I was hoping that you would pick a particular one of those days, or a particular two of those days, so that I could fit the engagements together with some compactness.

But until I hear from you further, I will continue to hold the whole four days.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 24, 1956

Mr. Caxton Doggett
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Doggett:

I was aware of Bill Williams' appearance before the Constitutional Advisory Committee, but have been told by Mr. Routh that Mr. Williams was specifically invited by the Constitutional Advisory Committee to appear. While for the moment I am without legal advice on the matter, I feel satisfied that expert testimony before a legislative committee by invitation of the committee would not be considered as legislative pressure, and hence did not violate the statute in re tax-exemption. But the invitation would have to be genuine, and not wangled.

We have got in the mill a lengthy letter explaining the whole matter of the provision against political activity, but it will take it a week or so to get out.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 24, 1956

Mrs. E. M. Sparling
222 Thompson Building
Hot Springs, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Sparling:

Miss LaForrest in the YWCA National office came up and handed on to us your much appreciated contribution of $14.00

We will apply it to the needs of Mrs. Tilly's program.

This is the sneak end of the fiscal year when we are down to the lean meat, and we are very grateful indeed for your good help. I honor such Board members.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: SRC Official Receipt $14.00
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence

September 24, 1956

Miss Mary Ellen La Rue
Executive Secretary
Kentucky Christian Women's Fellowship
506 Bank of Commerce Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Miss La Rue:

Your letter of September 5 has remained unaswered because I have been involved in Georgia meetings. While I regret very much that you cannot be with us, we will be more than glad to have Mrs. Dugan of 2726 Cumberland Avenue, Ashland Kentucky, to come in your place. Enclosed you will find our letter of invitation to her.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

Enclosure

MET/bsc

September 24, 1956

Mrs. D. D. Dugan
President
Kentucky Christian Women's Fellowship
506 Bank of Commerce Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Dugan:

On October 30 and 31, in Atlanta, Georgia, there will be a work shop in Human Relations bringing together the leaders of the various church women's organisations of the twelve southern states. This will include Jews, Catholics, Protestants, and members of both races. Miss Mary Ellen La Rue has suggested that you might be her substitute at this meeting.

Through the years, the church women have been meeting here in Atlanta, and have called themselves, The Fellowship of the Concerned, church women concerned about their South. Much has come from these work shops.

We have money for your travel and entertainment, and would appreciate it if you would advise us if it will be possible for you to be with us at the work shop.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director Women's Work

MET/bsc

September 25, 1956

Miss Margaret Kidd
1101 North 49th Street
Omaha 3, Nebraska

Dear Miss Kidd:

I am enclosing a statement on the Council and our publications list.

Possibly the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. can send you pamphlets on agricultural problems. Another source of information is the American Farm Bureau Federation, Room 2300 Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 25, 1956

Reverend Joseph H. Fichter, S. J.
Box 24
Sociology Department
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, Indiana

Dear Father Fichter:

Your nice people in New Orleans in the Commission on Human Rights wrote and said you were not getting New South at your new address. I hasten to get off a bundle to you, and it will continue to come to you at Notre Dame until you notify us otherwise.

We shall be missing you all over these Southerns.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
Next Steps in the South
New South, Feb. - Sept. '56
Christian Conscience
Changing Patterns

Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 25, 1956

Professor James F. Davidson
Professor of Political Science
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Professor Davidson:

Bill Cole called my office at a time when most of us were gone to a meeting, and left a message which said I was to let you know about "Mr. Carmichael of Lexington." I take it that this must certainly be Mr. Carmichael of Louisville.

Grand guy, and doing a beautiful job, and has been lately commended by everybody from Eisenhower on down. You would make no mistake to get hold of him if you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: Mr. William Cole

September 25, 1956

Mrs. D. S. Wheatley
P. O. Box 307
Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Wheatley:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, at its meeting of September 21st, considered the matter of the present provisional status of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations and directed:

(1) That in the event Mississippi's quota of $3,500 for the fiscal year, 1955-56 is not independently raised within Mississippi, no further funds should be sent to Mississippi until evidence shall have been received in the central office that the $3,500 shall have been raised; this would be effective October 1, 1956. This is an agreement long covenanted.

(2) That in any case, the Southern Regional Council is insufficiently convinced of the success of the program performance of the Mississippi Council on Human Relations to warrant continuance of SRC aid to it beyond December 31, 1956.

We are all reluctant to reach these decisions. And those who made the decisions were fully sensible of the brave and sacrificing labors of yourself, other members of the Board, and of the staff in trying to realize a full program under present circumstances.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 25, 1956

Mr. Ambrose Caliver
Assistant to the Commissioner and
Chief, Adult Education Section
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Office of Education
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Ambrose:

I appreciate your letter.

I really think that a guy in my kind of job is expendable, and that after sitting in such a seat for a dozen years, he ought to move on and make way for others. And the Council has available Harold Fleming, a most able successor. The actual election is in the gift of the Board of the Southern Regional Council, which meets November 14-15 at Williamsburg.

One of my purposes is to burrow out a convenient spot for my friends to come to. I haven't as yet quite selected the spot, but I have narrowed it down considerably, and it will be in the remotest Highlands with narrow paths across the heather, seventeen miles to the nearest pub. Come and try the paths!

You have already put in a richly honorable career. I cut mine perhaps a bit short, but after I have rested a year or two, I will certainly be available on call for this or that short run job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 25, 1956

Mr. George M. Stephens
The Stephens Press
48 Walnut Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear George:

I have been in on the praise for the things the American Friends Service Committee are doing in North Carolina. Tartt Bell, who is in charge of it, and I are close associates. I recommended to the American Friends Service Committee their principal employee on this project, John Alexander.

My position in general and specifically in this matter is that the job is so vast that it is altogether unlikely that there will ever be too many persons working at it.

John Alexander is W. W. Alexander's son. Do help him.

For the time being, SRC's eggs are in the basket of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, of which Harry S. Jones at 121 East Third Street is the Executive Director.

I met with a group of Asheville people last Summer when I happened to be at Junaluska, and they were proposing to do a quite real job of finding the facts toward integrating the schools in Asheville. I gave the lady your name and said you were a good egg. I continue firm in that opinion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

September 25, 1956

Mr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Somebody is paying for me to come to the great city to make a talk at the New School the night of October 2nd. I should be in the city pretty much all day October 2nd, and all the morning October 3rd, and most of October 4th and most of October 5th.

Would there be a time in that period when I might come to see you at your office?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

P. S. I am promised somewhere from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the middle of October 5th.

September 25, 1956

Director
Legislative Council
State Capitol
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

Please send me a list of the senatorial and representative districts from which legislators are sent to South Carolina's General Assembly. Will you kindly indicate the county or counties comprising each district and the number of senators and representatives from each of the districts.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 25, 1956

Director
Legislative Council
State Capitol
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Please send me a list of the senatorial and representative districts from which legislators are sent to Tennessee's General Assembly. Will you kindly indicate the county or counties comprising each district and the number of senators and representatives from each of the districts.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 25, 1956

Director
Legislative Reference Bureau
State Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sir:

Please send me a list of the senatorial and representative, districts from which legislators are sent to Florida's State Legislature. Will you kindly indicate the county or counties comprising each district and the number of senators and representatives from each of the districts.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 25, 1956

Director
Legislative Council
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Please send me a list of the senatorial and representative districts from which legislators are sent to Louisiana's State Legislature. Will you kindly indicate the county or counties comprising each district and the number of senators and representatives from each of the districts.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 25, 1956

Director
State Legislative Council
State Capitol
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Please send me a list of the senatorial and representative districts from which legislators are sent to Oklahoma's State Legislature. Will you kindly indicate the county or counties comprising each district and the number of senators and representatives from each of the districts.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 25, 1956

Director
Advisory Legislative Council
State Capitol
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Sir:

Please send me a list of the senatorial and representative districts from which legislators are sent to Virginia's General Assembly. Will you kindly indicate the county or counties comprising each district and the number of senators and representatives from each of the districts.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 25, 1956

Director
Legislative Council
State Capitol
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

Please send me a list of the senatorial and representative districts from which legislators are sent to Texas' State Legislature. Will you kindly indicate the county or counties comprising each district and the number of senators and representatives from each of the districts.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 25, 1956

Director
Institute of Government
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

Please send me a list of the senatorial and representative districts from which legislators are sent to North Carolina's General Assembly. Will you kindly indicate the county or counties comprising each district and the number of senators and representatives from each of the districts.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 25, 1956

Director
Legislative Council
State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Please send me a list of the senatorial and representative districts from which legislators are sent to Arkansas' General Assembly. Will you kindly indicate the county or counties comprising each district and the number of senators and representatives from each of the districts.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 25, 1956

Director
Legislative Council
State Capitol
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Sir:

Please send me a list of the senatorial and representative districts from which legislators are sent to Maryland's General Assembly. Will you kindly indicate the county or counties comprising each district and the number of senators and representatives from each of the districts.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 25, 1956

Director
Commission on Legislative Research
State Capitol
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Please send me a list of the senatorial and representative districts from which legislators are sent to Missouri's General Assembly. Will you kindly indicate the county or counties comprising each district and the number of senators and representatives from each of the districts.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/ysb

September 26, 1956

Mrs. Olive Holmes Blum
Specialist in Citizenship Education
Leadership Services
Young Women's Christian Association of
the United States of America
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Blum:

Many thanks, and glad to be at your service on the evening of Tuesday, November 13th in Washington.

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council meets in Williamsburg, Virginia, November 14th and 15th. And of course I have to be there for that.

I think you ought to carry a minimum of $35.00 for my expenses in getting from Williamsburg to Washington, and a night's stay in Washington, and getting back to Williamsburg; and I would like it if you could find a total of $50.00.

I understand the subject, and will talk as you suggest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 26, 1956

Mr. William M. Cooper
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Bill:

I think you did a lot of good in a very difficult area. And I praise you for it.

I wonder if the Virginia papers dared to print the cartoon from the St. Louis Post Dispatch showing a tall-capped dunce in the corner of the school room, with the name Virginia written on his back!

The Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council will be meeting in Williamsburg, November 14th and 15th. Come over for a visit with all of us if you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 26, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

Your letter to Yarmolinsky of September 24th was constructed in a masterly fashion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 26, 1956

Mrs. Ruth D. Bradford
531 Garland Street
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bradford:

This is to acknowledge your letter of the 24th. Mr. Fleming is presently out of the city but will be communicating with you sometime next week.

Cordially,

Secretary to H. C. Fleming

/mbo

September 26, 1956

Mr. J. E. Pierce
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pierce:

This is to acknowledge with thanks the parcel received this morning containing your findings in the Alabama survey.

Mr. Fleming is presently out of the city but will be communicating with you at an early opportunity.

Cordially,

Secretary to H. C. Fleming

/mbo

September 27, 1956

Mrs. Cecil P. Hardin
14 Nokomis Circle
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mary Hardin:

On October 30 and 31, we are to have a work shop here in Atlanta on this question of integrated schools and I hope that you will reserve the dates and be with us.

In the mean time, I must go to Clinton, Tennessee and find out, if I can, what might be done in other places to prevent what happened in Clinton. I am wondering if you would be free to go with me any time the latter part of next week or the first part of the next week. You would be a great help to me, as this is in your conference and you know the people there. Of course, we would take care of your expenses.

I would appreciate an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director Women's Work

MET/bms

September 27, 1956

Mrs. Duval Chambers
3517 Deverus Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Chambers:

As you possibly know, we are having a work shop on Human Relations in Atlanta, October 30 -31; and we are inviting the state chairman of social relations, and have money for their travel and entertainment. We would appreciate it if you would send us the names of your key women in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee, We would also appreciate your rushing these names so that we might get them in time to send them an invitation.

We hope that you are planning to hold these dates open and be with us.

Enclosed you will find a stamped, air-mail letter for your convenience in replying..

With the best of wishes to you.

I remain,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

Enclosure

MET/bsc

September 27, 1956

Mrs. John B. Moose
Box 457
Leesville, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Moose:

As you possibly know, we are having a work shop here in Atlanta October 30 and 31, bringing together the state leaders of the women's organizations of the various southern states. We have received all lists except those of the Lutheran Church. We would appreciate it if you would send us the names of your key women in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Enclosed you will find a stamped, air-mail letter for your convenience in replying.

In the mean time, we hope that you will hold these dates open so that you will be with us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

Enclosure

MET/bms

P. S. We have funds for their travel and expenses.

September 27, 1956

Mrs. W. C. Carter
Prattville
Alabama

Dear Mrs. Carter:

I am delighted that you will be with us on October 30 and 31. Further information will be sent you.

I know Mrs. Dismuke, and I agree with you that she is a valuable person wherever she may be; however, I have money only for one person in a conference. If your conference will send you, you can have the money I have for Mrs. Dismuke, or if you want to divide it, that will be wonderful.

I hope that you can work it out soon, for I would like very much to have both you and Mrs. Dismuke.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director Women's Work

MET/bsc

September 27, 1956

Mrs. Ralph T. Wilson, Sr.,
Route 3
Laurens, South Carolina

Dear Inez Wilson:

First of all, we hope you will hold the dates of October 30-31 to be with us here in Atlanta for the work shop on Human Relations. I am enclosing your list of the secretaries of the Christion Social Relations that we have here in the office. I am sure there have been many changes. Please correct the list and send it back to us as quickly as you can. Enclosed, also, is a stamped, air-mail envelope for your convenience in replying.

I wanted to write you after South Carolina's election, but many things used up my time. I, like many others, regreted that Mr. Wilson was not returned to the legislature. However, he can certainly hold his head up as a person that never compromised; and in days to come, I am sure he will be recognized as a man willing to face defeat to uphold a rightous principle. I am sure you and your children are proud of him as many of us are.

With love and best wishes.

I remain,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

Enclosure (2)

MET/bsc

September 27, 1956

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Oscar:

This confirms my conversation with Miss Geneva Jones a couple of minutes ago.

SRC is calling a meeting, beginning at lunch October 24th and knocking off after lunch October 25th. Tuskegee Institute -- Dorothy Hall. It is a meeting of a variety of agencies, mostly religious, and mostly assisted lately by the Fund for the Republic. Part of the purpose is to give an opportunity for David Freeman and Frank Loescher from the Fund for the Republic to brief themselves as to the work of the various agencies which the F for R has helped; independently we, the agencies, can do as much coordinating as we may wish.

Nobody's got any money to pay expenses. Up to each agency. Come yourself or send Kramer, or send Will Campbell.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

P.S. Thank you for your call. You are coming and you will try to get Will Campbell there if you can. Grand!

September 27, 1956

(Dictated September 26)

Mr. M. Moran Weston
The National Council
The Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Moran:

This confirms my conversation a few minutes ago about a meeting which the Southern Regional Council is calling at Dorothy Hall at Tuskegee Institute, beginning in the afternoon of October 24th and continuing through lunchtime October 25th; being a meeting mainly of agencies in the South which have been assisted by grants from the Fund for the Republic.

It seems to me that for the moment your central operations are confined to the national office of the Church. It is less than urgent for you to be represented at the Tuskegee meeting, but if by the time of the meeting someone is available who could come, I am sure it would be greatly appreciated by all. I think it almost certain that representatives will be present from the other four or five denominational groups which have been helped by the Fund for the Republic, as well as from the YMCA and YWCA and various others; in all about eighteen agencies.

The Southern Regional Council has not the means to pay the travel of persons to attend the meeting, and supposed that travel expenses would ordinarily be borne out of grants to the several agencies from the Fund for the Republic.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1956

(Dictated September 26)

Mr. Lewis H. Deer
National Director
Social Education and Intercultural Relations
United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

This confirms my conversation a few minutes ago with your nice secretary.

The Southern Regional Council is asking to meet, October 24-25, at Dorothy Hall at Tuskegee Institute, some eighteen or twenty agencies, being mostly agencies that have been assisted by grants from the Fund for the Republic. The purpose is some coordination and some convenience to David Freeman and Frank Loescher, who will be present, in picking up the story for a variety of agencies.

Most pleasant if you can be represented. Male or female. White, brown, or what-have-you?

We start off before lunch on the 24th and knock off after lunch on the 25th.

SRC hasn't got any way to pay people's travel expenses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mrs. Mitchell

September 27, 1956

Mr. Eugene B. Block
Executive Director
Jewish Community Relations Council
40 First Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Block:

It is all right, and I am going to be in Atlanta October 11th and 12th. And you and Mrs. Block are supposed to come and stay at our house.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1956

Mr. Willis T. Spivey
Director
Community Service Foundation
125 Harbor Bluff Drive
Largo, Florida

Dear Mr. Spivey:

I know you said I shouldn't thank you, but I do thank you. And we badly needed the help.

These are touchy times hereabouts, but I still think people in this part of the world will straighten out and behave.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Encl. SRC Official Receipt $100

September 27, 1956

Mr. James Crown
30 Downing Street
New York, New York

Dear Jim:

I don't know how we got mixed up on the dates. My speech-making at the New School is Tuesday, October 2nd at 8:00 p.m. I have no faintest purpose of squatting in New York City all day Monday, October 1st. And I think I am rather a hero to haul myself up in the dawnings of October 2nd.

So my chance to have supper with you and your nice Bonnie is Tuesday night. And 7:00 is squshingly late. How about moving it up to 6:30?

Therefore, unless I hear from you otherwise, you will find me banging on your door at 6:29 Tuesday, October 2nd -- and hungry.

If you have to get hold of me, the telephone number in Atlanta at my home is DEarborn 5961. I am in the office off and on on October 1st. And the telephone number there is WAlnut 1821.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1956

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Huber
Managing Editor
The American Humanist
Yellow Springs, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Huber:

Manuscript returned herewith in good order.

I would be glad to get six free copies, and a year's subscription to the maggie.

For your blurb, what you say is George Mitchell was born in Richmond a good deal better than fifty years ago. He went to schools up and down the East Coast of the country, and to college in Delaware and Richmond. Took a Doctor's degree in economics at Johns Hopkins, and studied in England for three years. Came back and taught at Columbia six years. And worked in the New Deal ten years, and for the labor movement in the South for a year, and has been working for the Southern Regional Council ever since 1945. Married a girl named Alice Armstrong, and we have a couple of grown-up daughters in college. Wrote or helped write a few thin books. Lives in Georgia and stands up for what is right.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. - "Leadership, Where Next?"

September 27, 1956

(Dictated September 26)

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
Division of Christian Relations
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

The Southern Regional Council has asked a number of agencies, mostly ones that have been helped by the Fund for the Republic and that have a Southern interest, to meet October 24th and 25th.

We picked Dowothy Hall at Tuskegee Institute as the place. We will begin with lunch on October 24th, and run through lunch on October 25th.

I do greatly hope that the Christian Relations Division will be represented.

SRC has no way to pay the expenses, and suppose that each agency would find its own way there and back.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1956

Miss Esther Stamats
United Church Women
Department of Christian Social Relations
175 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

I am mighty sorry we hit exactly the wrong dates for you to be represented at the meeting coming up at Tuskegee October 24-25. More power to you in your workshops on Manhattan.

For the record, the meeting at Tuskegee begins with lunch October 24th, and quits after lunch October 25th. People are to stay at Dorothy Hall. Some eighteen agencies, mostly those assisted by the Fund for the Republic. David Freeman and Frank Loescher will be at the meeting.

If you turn up with somebody who could give the meeting some link with your program, well and good. But if you just can't, you can't!

If you don't get anybody there, we will write you after the meeting and tell you what happened.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1956

(Dictated September 26)

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt Bell:

This confirms our conversation a few minutes ago. SRC is calling a meeting October 24th and 25th and Dorothy Hall at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, of a variety of agencies working within the South, most of them assisted by the Fund for the Republic. Meeting begins with lunch the 24th and quits after lunch the 25th.

Incidentally, the cooks at Dorothy Hall are taking chef cooking at Tuskegee Institute, and are A+ cooks. This does not interest Friends. Do come or send somebody.

I am sorry SRC has no way to pay expenses, but we had supposed the agencies would be represented independently out of their grants.

There is an awfully smart kid at Berea named Roscoe Giffen. Teaches sociology. May not be available himself, but is likely to know somebody good who would be available.

I preached to Russell Branson that the other guy ought to be Negro so as to stiffen the purpose of those tiny isolated whupped-down Negro communities way up yonder in the woolly western hills.

Dig around at Bennett or at Greensboro or at Durham for somebody like that. Another likely spot would be Knoxville College. It is Negro. The President is Mr. James A. Colston, who is a good guy, and you could talk to him by phone.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1956

(Dictated September 26)

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
2921 Nineteenth Street
Apartment E
Homewood, Alabama

Dear Bob:

SRC is calling a meeting at Tuskegee Institute, beginning with lunch October 24th and splitting up after lunch October 25th, at Dorothy Hall, of agencies having a Southern interest; being most of them agencies that have been helped by the Fund for the Republic. There isn't any way to pay anybody's travel, and they have all taken their travel money out of their grants.

I do not think we ought to call a meeting in Alabama without the advantage of your presence. I haven't got the money to pay for the travel there for you or the other state directors, but I do think you ought to come. Your entertainment can be taken care of.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: FBR

September 27, 1956

Mr. Marshall Bragdon
Director
Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee
105 City Hall
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Marshall:

I came busting through your city the other day on the way back from taking my daughter to Oberlin to stick her in. My busting through was at 4:30 p.m. and I carefully avoided the confusion of City Hall traffice and headed for the Kentucky bridge. But the way in brought me past Mrs. Spitz's home, so we stopped. She had gone to Toledo on account of somebody died.

Today she writes me a letter and says she is sorry she wasn't there. She sent a letter from some bird named Kinney who had turned her down on a job, and says, "I also called a few times Mr. Bragdon, without result, he said to me; I will hear from him. That what I wanted to discast with you Dr. Mitchell. Of course I have been working only temporarery, never stady and that is what makes me very sad."

Marshall, daggonnit, you are not so busy but what you can't go out there and pay that nice lady a visit and put your mind on her problems! You have been stringing me along for a year, saying you were going to take care of this. Come on pay off!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I am partially out of luck on the Fred van Wyks, because I have promised to be variously at Washington or Williamsburg for the period November 13-17. But I will be back in Atlanta the 18th, and the Van Wyks and I will maybe agree for the 18th, the 19th, the 20th, and some part of the 22nd.

I remember so well the Quentin Whytes, and we both enjoyed the visit.

I do hope the van Wyks will save some time in the last several days of their stay so that Alice and I can get to know them.

I will call you when I get to New York Tuesday morning, October 2nd.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 27, 1956

Very Reverend Maurice V. Shean, C. O.
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Maurice:

This confirms my telephone conversation with your office. The Southern Regional Council is calling together some eighteen or twenty agencies, mostly those that have been assisted by grants from the Fund for the Republic; beginning with lunch October 24th and ending with lunch October 25th. Place, Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

I think the central purpose is to enable David Freeman and Frank Loescher, who will be at the gathering, to collect at a swoop the story of what the various agencies are doing.

Come if you can, or send somebody you trust if you can't.

Dismally there isn't any way to pay travel expenses -- though I shouldn't be surprised but that the overnight accommodations and the food will be cared for. I think it is expected that each agency will finance its own travel to the meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 28, 1956

Mrs. E. U. Robinson, President
Woman's Society of Christian Service
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

We are very sorry that other pressing engagements prevented your attending the meeting of the Nominating Committee.

However we did have three members of the committee present, who did a very excellent job. In a few days I will send you a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

The board will meet on November 14-15 in Williamsburg, Virginia. We will send you a letter in a few days giving all of the details concerning this meeting.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

September 28, 1956

(Dictated September 27)

Mr. Thurgood Marshall
Director and Counsel
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
107 West Forty-Third Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Thurgood:

I asked Henry Lee Moon to arrange with your office a matter.

The Southern Regional Council is convening, October 24-25, at Tuskegee Institute some eighteen or twenty agencies having an interest in matters Southern; being agencies that have been helped by the Fund for the Republic. David Freeman and Frank Loescher from the Fund for the Republic will come down. It is a convenience to Loescher not to have to trot around to each agency's home office; but to have them together where the story can be got pretty quickly.

It would be helpful if the Legal Defense and Educational Fund could be represented. I don't think anybody need particularly to stand on bureaucratic lines as to whether the person or persons to come represent the Defense Fund or the Educational Fund or the NAACP sci-mems. Clearly the agencies present will use the occasion to sort out their ideas as to program. Please do whatever seems wise and right to you.

Sorry there is no money to pay travel expenses; that has to be up to each agency. Nobody insists on big-time representation from head offices; almost anybody that you trust, who is within reach, would be a valued member of the group.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 28, 1956

(Dictated September 27)

Mr. Edward B. Orr
Editorial Writer
The Christian Science Monitor
One Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Orr:

We are honored, and would enjoy the chance to talk with you. I expect to be in Atlanta the 24th and 25th of November.

Meanwhile, hitch is that SRC is ordinarily not in running order on the weekends, so you should catch me at home. I live at 906 Lullwater Road, N. E. in a suburban area called Druid Hills, and the telephone number (unlisted, so make a note of it) is DEarborn 5961. If for any reason you have trouble getting hold of me, you will be in good hands with Harold Fleming at SYcamore 4-8491.

But I much look forward to your showing up.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 28, 1956

(Dictated September 27)

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
Southern Area Student Council
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Al:

This confirms my conversation about the meeting which SRC is calling October 24-25 at Dorothy Hall at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. The meeting begins at lunch-time October 24th and ends after lunch October 25th.

Do you or Mr. Relling or whoever come. No SRC way to pay expenses.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 28, 1956

(Dictated September 27)

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

When the letter came in saying October 24-25 did O.K., we got busy. I switched the place to Tuskegee Institute as being more central for most of the people. They operate on the Institute campus Dorothy Hall. Solid comfort and good food prepared by their trainees in chef cooking.

Meeting convenes for lunch, October 24th, and ends after lunch, October 25th.

SRC calls the meeting; each agency pays the travel of its own representatives.

I thought it wise to speak by telephone with some head person in each outfit, and have done so.

The following will pretty certainly send people: ADL in Atlanta; Dudley Ward, Board of Social and Economic Relations of the Methodist Church; Oscar Lee, National Council of Churches; the Southern Presbyterians; the YM and YW student people; the YW National office; the Disciples of Christ; the Quakers at Greensboro; the Catholic Committee of the South; the Legal Defense Fund for the NAACP.

I exempted the Race Relations Law Reporter on the ground that they are quasi-judicious, but they understand that they are most welcome if they want to come. Similarly, on exploration it did not seem wise to press the Commission on Human Relations at Loyola. Their money has been spent and the job has been done. And in any case the project was Church business, and not other people's business.

The Northern Presbyterians seem to be occupied in a meeting at that time, and the same is true of the United Church Women; and the Episcopal Church people say that they are not yet off the ground, but if they get off the ground before October 24th, they will be represented. I have not yet been able to reach Galen Weaver or A. C. Miller. I think that takes care of the whole lot.

I hope to reach Lester Granger tomorrow.

We will give you a report later on as to how the attendance shapes up. Meanwhile, you and Frank Loescher plan on getting to Tuskegee. Your plane should go to Montgomery, and we could meet you there if we knew ahead of time when you would get in. If you come on the train, ride the A & WP to Cheehaw, and at Cheehaw you disembark and take a two mile taxi trip to Tuskegee.

See you Tuesday!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

AIR MAIL

September 28, 1956

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Here is a copy of a letter that went out about a meeting at Tuskegee. And if you and John Hope could show, fine. But you wouldn't have to strain yourselves.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 28, 1956

Mr. John Hope
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Here is a copy of a letter that went out about a meeting at Tuskegee. And if you and C. H. could show, fine. But you wouldn't have to strain yourselves.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

September 28, 1956

(Dictated September 27)

Miss Georgene Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Gene:

October 4th for suppertime is still a firm date. Meanwhile I have promised some college at Willimantic, Connecticut, that I will in the forenoon of October 4th fuss at them. So I cannot be leisurely dropping by at the John Hay Whitney Foundation in the afternoon hours of the 4th. Hence, I suppose I should promise to be at your apartment door at 7:10 p.m., October 4th intent upon taking you to supper. I will hunt you up in the telephone book to get all that A. B. & C. and 12th Street business right.

And if I find you aren't in the telephone book, I will telephone to your office come Tuesday, the 2nd and try to nail down where you live. I will still stumble around a couple of ~~hours~~ trying to get to your front door, but I will get there.

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Cordially,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Miss Wilson
Miss La Forrest

September 28, 1956

(Dictated September 27)

Miss Edith Lerrigo
National Student YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Lerrigo:

This confirms my conversation a moment ago with your secretary.

The Southern Regional Council has called a meeting of some eighteen or twenty agencies having a Southern concern who have had grants from the Fund for the Republic.

David Freeman and Frank Loescher from the Fund for the Republic will turn up at the meeting.

The dates selected are October 24th and 25th. And the place is Dorothy Hall, Tuskegee Institute. We start off with lunch at Dorothy Hall on the 24th, and quit after lunch on the 25th. Railroad transportation via the A & WP to Cheehaw and by taxi to Tuskegee; airplanes to Montgomery where we would meet if given due notice.

I talked with Al Payne here who said that he would see that the student YM is represented. I held conversations with Miss La Forrest and with Miss Doris Wilson. And they went into a disciplined flutter and said it would be best if I talked with you as you had handled all matters with the Fund for the Republic.

My only function is to submit the matter of the approach of the meeting to the Student YW and ask you to do whatever is suitable and comfortable to arrange for you.

One further request, however: will you be so kind as to call up the appropriate officers for the National Board of the YWCA and see what they want to do? I take it that the dual representation should be worked out cooperatively.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/cab

September 28, 1956

Mr. James H. Tipton
Associate Professor
Willimantic State Teachers College
Willimantic, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Tipton:

Got your letter, and many thanks. All seems fine.

I will be up and around at Bard College by 7:30 Thursday morning, October 4th.

Most pleasing about the $75.00. Also pleasing about the ride over with you.

I have a supper engagement in New York at 7:00 p.m. October 4th.

Was at Highlander t'other day, and Myles Horton and company sent you warmest wishes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 28, 1956

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
15 East Eighty-Fourth Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

I will show in New York in the dawnings of October 2nd. Shall stay at the Abbey Hotel (about 51st Street).

I promised Jim Crown at 30 Downing Street that I would have supper with him that night at 6:30.

I will phone you the morning of the 2nd and hope I can get to see you.

Meanwhile, here is a copy of the speech. I did it weeks ago, and I expect that in redoing it Tuesday night there will be some up-to-date interpolations.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc & incoming of 9/25/56 to FBR

September 28, 1956

Mr. Fred G. Walcott
School of Education
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Fred:

Now that is a really pleasing letter, and I am grateful to all the group and to you.

I am satisfied that thus helped we can send somebody, and you may count on it.

As soon as you can, send me the prospective dates for next year's Workshop, and we will begin with deliberate speed to make a promotion for the person.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 28, 1956

FBR:

It seems to me that this ought to be your business. How about taking over?

Somebody Southern would be quite an addition to that mainly Michigany school.

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Encl. Incoming and outgoing cc re corres with Fred G. Walcott, 9/25/56

September 28, 1956

Mrs. Alfred Fernback
University of Virginia
Extension Division
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Fernback:

I send along at once six copies of the new pamphlet for Mr. Ogden.

They don't have to be paid for, but pleasant if somebody could find a way to send us a dollar or a dollar and twenty cents.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under Separate Cover:
6 copies "Next Steps in the South"

September 28, 1956

Mr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission
Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

This confirms our conversation just now.

The Southern Regional Council is calling a meeting of agencies with an interest in matters Southern, being for the most part agencies helped by the Fund for the Republic, at Tuskegee Institute (Dorothy Hall at Tuskegee). Meeting begins at lunch-time October 24th and ends after lunch October 25th.

For remoter people I have had to remind them that the station for Tuskegee is Cheehaw, and the airport is Montgomery. But you would know.

Mainly the meeting will enable David Freeman and Frank Loescher from the Fund for the Republic to pick up some account of what we have all been doing; but we who are representing the various agencies may engage in such measure of acquaintance and coordination as may suit us.

It would be a great help to us all if you could come.

I am sorry there is no way to pay travel, except out of each agency's own budget.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: CHP
JH

September 28, 1956

Mr. Lester Granger
Executive Director
National Urban League, Inc.
1133 Broadway
New York 10, New York

Dear Lester:

This confirms my conversation by phone today, inviting the National Urban League to send somebody from your Equal Opportunities program to a meeting at Tuskegee Institute, October 24th and 25th; being a meeting of agencies assisted for the most part by the Fund for the Republic, and having a Southern interest.

The meeting begins with luncheon on October 24th and will be over after luncheon October 25th. Unfortunately there is no money to pay travel expenses; it being assumed that each agency would pay to get its own people there.

The Urban League and all that it does is important to progress hereabouts, and we all greatly hope that you can come, or be represented at the meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

September 28, 1956

Mr. Galen R. Weaver
Race Relations Department
Board of Home Missions
Congregational Christian Church
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Galen:

I called your office and talked to your nice secretary this morning.

Meeting coming up of agencies, mostly ones assisted by F for R. Called by SRC. Purpose, some information to F for R, and some such measure of acquaintance and correlation as the agencies present may soak up.

Begins at Dorothy Hall at Tuskegee Institute with lunch on October 24th, and quits after lunch October 25th. The railroad station is Cheehaw on the A & WP, and the airport is Montgomery and we could meet virtually any plane in Montgomery. Do send somebody from Virginia or your North Carolina project. It would be nice if you could come yourself.

No SRC way to pay expenses; we hope that each agency will take the money out of its Fund for the Republic funds.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 1, 1956

Mr. Henry M. Bullock
Executive Secretary
Board of Education
The Methodist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Bullock:

We have no literature dealing specifically with the Bible and race. I should like to recommend an issue of the Presbyterian Outlook which discussed this subject rather extensively. It is Volume 137, No. 10, March 14, 1955 and is available from 1 North Sixth Street, Richmond 19, Virginia.

A copy of an article from a later issue of the Presbyterian Outlook is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

October 1, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Thank you for your letter of the 28th and the information therein.

This will be of considerable help in our Mississippi report which I assume will be made available to you when possible.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Paul Anthony

PA:mbo

October 1, 1956

Mrs. Spann Milner
1109 W. Peachtree, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Milner:

You performed a notable service in defense of moral and religious purposes in the Round Table Debate in the current issue of Life magazine.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

gebf

October 1, 1956

Mr. Arthur Morse
Columbia Broadcasting System
485 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Arthur:

I enjoyed our lunch the other day plus the rump session in Fred Friendly's office.

Take a quick look through the enclosed clippings. Maybe State Senator Carter is the Man of Destiny who will start the creative juices flowing there?

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
encs.

October 1, 1956

Mrs. Stewart Colley
Grantville
Georgia

Dear Mary:

I appreciated your note about the retreat. What I appreciated more was the fact that Mrs. Milner said to me, perhaps she also said to you also; " You and Mary Colley both measured up to the fullest in the evening discussion. You both were equal to the occasion.

Now about the Post Office matter. The branch office is just a few blocks away from my home. Purposely, I fixed up a package, took it to the window to have it weighed. This gave me a chance to talk to the man. This is about what I said.

"Have you a fine Negro named Dallas working at this office?

He replied, "Yes, we have, but he is at home sick now. Do you know him?"

I then told him about knowing his wife and how fine she was, and how much the people in Grantville thought of her husband.

A broad smile came over his face. "Yes", he answered, "He is a fine carrier. Is he yours?"

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It was really a nice conversation, and the man thanked me for being interested in Dallas.

Let me know if there is anything further that I can do.

I remain,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bms

October 1, 1956

Dr. Willa B. Player
President
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Player:

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I am deeply grateful that you are sparing the time to be with us and help us think through what church women should be doing in this time of social change.

Very good wishes to you.

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Director of Women's Work

MET/bms

P. S. The Y.M.C.A. is on Luckie Street.

October 1, 1956

Mrs. Florence Small
Bethune - Cookman College
Daytona, Florida

Dear Mrs. Small:

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Please let me hear from you at the earliest date possible, and I hope that you will advise me that you will be present.

With every good wish to you, and sincerely grateful for the help you have been to me.

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Director of Women's Work

MET/bms

October 1, 1956

Dr. Helen E. Amerman
c/o Council for Civic Unity
437 Market St.
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Helen:

Thanks for your letter of October 20, which came while I was vacationing in Canada.

Thanks, too, for the invitation (which I accept with delight) for the breakfast for selected leaders on Thursday, November 29.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

cc: Mr. Marshall Bragdon

FBR/bsc

October 1, 1956

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Daytona, Florida

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MET/bms

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October 1, 1956

(Dictated September 28)

Mr. John E. Tsouderos
Georgia Institute of Technology
Department of Social Sciences
Atlanta 13, Georgia

Dear Mr. Tsouderos:

I greatly appreciate your kind letter of September 21st, and much enjoyed reading your father's article and what you were good enough to send me about him. I wish I could have known him.

I sent the testament on to my friend John Fischer. Maybe Harpers will use it. I told Ed that in my weak judgement the most likely magazine to publish it would be The Round Table in London.

If you are ever free for minutes of conversation, do stop in at the office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 1, 1956

(Dictated September 28)

Mr. Ed Foster
Georgia Institute of Technology
Department of English
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ed:

I read the Tsouderos testament and thought it had a number of stately passages. I commended it to John Fischer. I greatly enjoyed it and thought it wise.

On private reflection, I doubt that it has sufficient popularity to achieve use in Harpers. My own knowledge of the journals that would print it is limited. But my guess would be that the British magazine called The Round Table is the closest to what would use it. And the British are great on centenaries and commemorations, and they love Greece and royal Greece.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 1, 1956

(Dictated September 28)

Mr. John Fischer
Editor
Harpers Magazine
49 East Thirty-Third Street
New York 16, New York

Dear John:

There's a good guy teaching English at Georgia Tech named Foster. Out of a capacious memory he recalled that I had the honor of your acquaintance. Foster asked me to send on to you, as possibly printable, the enclosed item.

Foster has in his class a Greek boy, John E. Tsouderos. John, as his letter will show, is son to the Greek statesman by that name who died in February, 1956, just after having written the enclosed article as a political testament.

John and the man Foster thought the political testament of great importance and topical before long because in February, 1957, there will be commemoration of the father in Athens.

I have read the testament. I find in it occasional stately passages; nothing silly; considerable wisdom; but little language that flows along. Maybe that is some problem of translation that a touch-up artist could remedy. In any case, I suggest merely that the proposal that this be an article be run through your machinery, and the appropriate answer ground out electronically.

Your answer could be made to Ed Foster direct. He is Professor of English, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta. Along with this I send the information on pere et fils. If your clerks can remember, the letter should come back to me, George Mitchell.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 1, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

We ought now to get in for the end of September Quarterly Report what we shall say about the states. What would you think of a minor essay from you on the subject of working through state organizations? Why we took it on; in what direction (not in what locality necessarily) it has succeeded; shortcomings observable in program; etc.?

Perhaps you could trot out some of the standards of evaluations (I detest the word) which all of this worked out. I would think it invidious thus quasi-publicly to adduce the evaluation of the states one by one. But you might by judicious reference to this one or that one illustrate strong points and weak points. Main thing I thought was that you would want to show that a central body like ours judges state programs by Board-staff relationships, Board involvement, money, membership, program, program comparison, program considered against the background of its difficulties, etc.

This little essay might well prepare the mind of the Fund for the Republic for some changes that loom ahead. I request no strategy, but merely an informed discussion of the method.

GSM/eab
(Dictated 9/28)

Mailed 10/1/56 to:

Alabama

Robert Hughes(Exec.Dir.)
2921 Nineteenth St. South
Apartment E
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546 Beale Ave.
Memphis 5

Southern Re[redacted]

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU[redacted]

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

October 1, 1956

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Chairmen and all Executive Directors of SRC Affiliated State Organizations

FROM: George S. Mitchell, Executive Director George T. Mitchell

RE: Political Activity

We have had disquieting accounts in recent weeks of activities in one, two, or three of our state organizations which seem to us to border upon the political. We have taken these matters up individually state by state. But, precautionarily, I now review the whole matter with all of the state organizations.

You have received from the Central Office the following items re political activity:

1. Memorandum #1, issued April 10, 1954, from which I quote:

"NO POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The statute governing U. S. Tax Exemption is as follows:

EXEMPT CORPORATIONS

'51. Exempt Corporations. The following corporations and organizations are exempt from the income tax:

'(6) Corporations and any community chest, fund, or foundation, organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (Code Sec. 101 (6) and Reg. Sec. 29.101 (6)-1).'"

Quite a similar restriction is made by the statute upon gifts from individuals.

2. Memorandum #4, issued September 2, 1954, laid down the non-political requirement for state organizations' by-laws.

3. Fred Routh's memorandum to all state chairmen and all state directors, dated March 2, 1956, renewed the control of Memorandum #1 upon political activity.

4. In addition, you are aware that this office requires the chairman of each state organization at the close of each fiscal year to sign a certificate using the following words:

> "As Chairman of the [name of organization] I hereby certify that said organization, affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, has not, during the fiscal year [date], engaged in carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempted to influence legislation, or otherwise engaged in any form of political activity."

The Southern Regional Council, like any other tax-exempt organization is bound by the language of the statute as stated in Memo #1.

Counsel tells us that exact definition of the phrase, "no substantial part" has not become available through the courts.

We think the only safe course to follow is to avoid <u>all</u> political activity.

The tax-exempt status of the Southern Regional Council, along with that of a great many other educational organizations, is currently under review by the appropriate unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

We realize that state organizations will often be pressed for activity bordering on the political. We can only tell you that you simply must refuse to engage in any activity suspicionable of being political.

We have had one instance in which a state organization assisted certain entirely local unaffiliated bodies which proposed political participation. Fortunately the matter was caught before anything of this kind had been done. And we were able to make clear to that state organization the settled doctrine of law that you cannot accomplish by indirection what is directly forbidden by statute.

It may be readily believed that there is need in this or that state for an organization to express a directly political discontent. Maybe so. BUT your state organization cannot be that organization -- in whole or in part. The choice for your state organization was between: (1) enjoying assistance from the Southern

Regional Council with strict observance of the no-political-activity-requirement; and (2) complete independence, raising your own money, and doing as you might choose on matters political. That is still the choice.

To the rule of no political activity there appear to be certain partially agreed exemptions.

One of these is the matter of educating for or against a principle as opposed to pressing for or against a statute or statutory proposal. Pretty clear you would incur no penalty for being in favor of the principle of honesty in government. And so long as that is a metter for general educational discussion among the people of a community or of a state, you are not constricted. But the moment a proposal for legislative action takes shape defining honesty in government, or perhaps penalizing dishonesty in government, your efforts as to education must cease. You cannot be for or against a particular legislative proposal.

There is a twilight zone where some particular legislative proposal is merely under discussion. For the moment the proposal may not have taken shape as HRBill 2305. But if there is sufficient clarity about the proposal for it no longer to be a vague general proposal, you had better cease to be for or against the proposal. And constitutional amendments, we think, often come under this paragraph.

Of course it is perfectly clear that you can never be for or against any particular candidate for public office.

One other exception should be noted. It seems to be agreed that if a tax-exempt body is called upon in its capacity as an expert to testify before a legislative committee (which committee may be shaping legislation), the tax-exempt body will be permitted so to testify; and can hardly endanger its tax-exemption status by so doing. But we would add that the invitation must be genuine and unsolicited and not "fixed" or "arranged."

Please write me that you have read and understand this. I send a copy to your chairman to be sure that he understands it, and I ask also for a letter from him saying that he has read it.

Fred Routh's memo of March 2, 1956, referred to above, also says, "You should also consult local legal counsel for an opinion on applicable state laws."

I would point out to you that you are in a very dangerous situation if you are proceeding, in the present state of affairs in the South, without the steady advice of legal counsel. Some of you may be so proceeding. The reason advanced may be that you have not got enough money to pay a lawyer. Almost certainly, for reasonable effort on the part of Board members, volunteer legal advice could be had.

Please let me know by November 1st what arrangement your state organization has made to give it the advantage of steady legal counsel.

We know what a tough situation your state group faces, and we don't want to hamper you with any more restrictions than can be helped. But these restrictions apply to all tax-exempt organizations, and do not put us at any disadvantage not applicable to all other tax-exempt organizations.

GSM/eab

October 1, 1956

Mr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission
of the Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have now had a chance to read all of the Life magazine Round Table Debate.

It was a deeply satisfying thing to have your sentiment reach to the right point time after time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 1, 1956

Mr. Duke McCall
Southern Baptist Theological
Seminary
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. McCall:

The Life Round Table issue is in, and I am extremely grateful for your wise, constructive, and right-minded statements.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 1, 1956

Miss Constance E. H. Daniel
1311 Girard Street, N. E.
Brookland, D. C.

Dear Constance:

They have just got me tied up too tight to do it, though I wish I could.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 2, 1956

(Dictated September 27)

Mr. Paul H. Sanders
Director
Race Relations Law Reporter
School of Law
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sanders:

This confirms my conversation with you a few minutes ago.

The Southern Regional Council has called a meeting of agencies having a Southern interest, being mostly agencies which have received a grant from the Fund for the Republic. David Freeman and Frank Loescher of the Fund for the Republic will be at the meeting. They want to collect in one spot as many of the assisted agencies as may be convenient, in order readily to get an account of events hereabouts.

We the various agencies will have our own opportunities to do such coordinating as may seem desirable. I feel duty bound to inform you of the meeting. And you are most cordially invited to come or to be represented; I realize the importance of your preserving impartiality, and I urge you neither one way nor the other.

There is no money to pay travel expenses; I assume that is up to each agency. If somebody comes by railroad the station for Tuskegee is Cheehaw on the A & WP, and the airport is Montgomery. We would be glad to meet any plane at the Montgomery airport.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 2, 1956

(Dictated September 27)

Mr. Arthur J. Levin
Director
Anti-Defamation League of
B'nai B'rith
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Art:

For the details, here is a copy of the letter I sent Father Shean.

This confirms my telephone conversation just now.

Do show up with as many of your people as you might find convenient.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 2, 1956

(Dictated September 27)

Mr. A. Dudley Ward
Executive Secretary
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dudley:

I talked to the young lady in your office just now.

The Southern Regional Council has called a meeting of various agencies having a Southern interest, and mostly agencies helped by grants from the Fund for the Republic. David Freeman and Frank Loescher will show up at the meeting. We have set it at Tuskegee Institute at Dorothy Hall, beginning at lunchtime October 24th and knocking off after lunch October 25th. One gets into Tuskegee on the train by riding the A & WP railroad to Cheehaw, thence by cab to Tuskegee — a couple of miles. Or you ride the airplane to Montgomery and we would meet any reasonably pleasant plane.

Main idea is to give the Fund for the Republic a chance to collect the story from various agencies. But we, the agencies concerned, could do some coordinating ourselves.

I am sorry there isn't money to pay travel expenses. Up to each agency. Come if you can, though your secretary indicated that you had an important meeting in Kansas City just before this. If you can't come, how about shooing into the meeting somebody from this a'ways that you trust?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 2, 1956

(Dictated September 27)

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
The Board of Christian Education
of the Presbyterian Church USA
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

I talked to the nice lady in your office just now when you and all the shots were off in New York.

The Southern Regional Council has called a meeting of eighteen or twenty agencies in the South to occur at Tuskegee Institute, October 24-25. Most of the agencies have had grants from the Fund for the Republic. I expect most of them will get there. David Freeman and Frank Loescher will be there to collect some account of what is going on in this part of the world.

It seems to me you have your choice of whether to shoo somebody down or not. Do as seems wise to you. There isn't any money for paying travel expenses. Meeting begins with lunch October 24th and quits after lunch October 25th. Occurs at a building called Dorothy Hall on the campus of Tuskegee Institute. Montgomery is the airport, and if you will let us know, we will be glad to meet anybody at the airport in Montgomery and haul on over to Tuskegee.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 2, 1956

(Dictated September 27)

Reverend Father F. R. Montecino
Commission on Human Relations
Loyola University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Father Montecino:

This confirms our conversation a few minutes ago.

To make it easier for the typist, I enclose a copy of the letter I sent Father Shean pinning down the details.

Someone from your Commission would be most welcome at the Tuskegee meeting. No real necessity for you to be represented. I am sure you will do as seems wise to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 2, 1956

RHA:

If check has not been received on this by October 30, I suggest we write Harry Jones that unless it has been received by November 12th, the amount involved will be withheld from Mr. Jones' salary for the period November 1-15, '56.

eab/

October 2, 1956

AIR MAIL

~~FIRST CLASS MAIL~~

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Room 209
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Congratulations on the splendid finish! From the point of view of the Southern Regional Council we were required to set you a quota of $3500 that you had to raise independently in this fiscal year. Actually in order to cover that sum plus the 1954-55 shortfall of $456 (which you raised October, 1955), you had to raise in this fiscal year $3956. And you raised $4032. So you are in the clear with us.

We do not concern ourselves with more than a friendly interest in the expenditure of revenues that a state organization raises itself. There is, however, one matter hung over which must be attended to, and that with some promptness. Our salary payment to you for the period January 1-15, 1956, included a supplement to you (being the supplement covenanted by the North Carolina Council on Human Relations) of $41.67. This particular supplementary payment to you was unsupported by cash in hand from the NCCHR deposited with SRC.

Our purpose no longer to make such supplementary payments unless supported by cash in hand from the NCCHR was explained to you by my letter in late January, 1956.

Our Secretary-Treasurer tell me that she is confident that the fact of this payment has been known to the NCCHR. Assuming your records agree, we would be grateful for dispatch to us, at an early date, of the NCCHR's check for $41.67 to make us whole for the January 1-15 salary supplementary payment.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. Wheeler

October 2, 1956

Mrs. Zelda B. Silverman
1016 Larchmont Crescent
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Silverman:

I appreciate a lot the report and the program for this Fall and next Spring.

You good people in Norfolk comfort me a lot. I hang my head for most of Virginia, but I hold it up for Norfolk.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
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Mr. James F. Barnes
229 Lexington Cove
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Barnes:

The Southern Regional Council is sponsoring a southwide study of Negro suffrage. A number of university people in the several Southern states are taking part in the study, and through them I learned of your thesis on Negro Voters in Mississippi.

You have done an excellent piece of work, which we find highly relevant to our study. As we approach the preparation of our region-wide report, I'm wondering whether we might have your permission to draw on the findings reported in your thesis. Appropriate credit would be given, but we would be careful to make it clear that your study was entirely independent of our survey and that you were not identified in any way with the interpretations and conclusions which we might draw in our report.

In view of the fact that Mississippi is one of the states for which we have a minimum of data, we would be glad to pay a modest fee in return for permission to draw on the results of your work.

When you have had an opportunity to consider this proposal, I should greatly appreciate your either writing me or calling me long distance at Walnut 1821 in Atlanta. At that time I will be glad to answer any questions that may present themselves to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

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Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Ed:

I have placed the order for 5,000 additional copies of Three Views of the Segregation Decisions that should be mailed to Andy's Mailing Service soon.

I have just received a copy of the reprint of Dick Bolling's entry in the Congressional Record. Is there any chance that we could get fifty to one hundred copies of this?

It was good to see you last week.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Director

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October 2, 1956

(Dictated September 27)

Mr. Frank Willard
Frank Willard Productions
3223-b Cain Hill Place, N. W.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Frank:

This confirms my conversation about the gathering arranged for Dorothy Hall at Tuskegee Institute, October 24-25. Begins with lunch the 24th and quits after lunch the 25th. Accomodations for all and sundry at Dorothy Hall. I assume if you came over you would drive. But the railroad station is Cheehaw on the A & WP, and planes do get to Montgomery.

No money to pay expenses.

Freeman and ~~Loescher~~ from the Fund for the Republic are coming to the meeting. It is composed of some eighteen or twenty agencies mostly with a Southern interest.

I merely thought that it might be well if thy movie were thereabouts on display.

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Mrs. Paul Arrington
1735 Piedmont
Jackson 41, Mississippi

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We will consider, of course, the segregation questions. I really need you to be at this meeting. Can't you come? We have money for your transportation and entertainment.

The work shop will be held at the Young Men's Christian Association, 145 Luckie Street, N.W. The Hotel is the Piedmont, just a few blocks away from the Y.M.C.A. The meeting will begin at 10:30 on the first day, and close at noon on the second.

Of course Thelma is coming, and Miss Stamats. I certainly would appreciate hearing from you very quickly, as I must know who will be here.

I hope Mr. Arrington comes through his operation. All through the days I have thought of him and your sister, and breathed a prayer that all might be well.

With every good wish to you.

I remain,

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MET/bms

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Miss Thelma Stephens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

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We hope to begin about 10:00 or 10:30, and close about noon the next day. I will make a reservation for you — single room and bath. It is wonderful to have you. In fact, I would not like to have it without you.

Love and thanks.

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Route #1
Lewisburg, Tennessee

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P. O. Box 516
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cc: • incoming to FBR

October 2, 1956

Miss Barbara Reynolds
2004 Rose Avenue
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Reynolds:

For Louisville I send you a sheaf of clippings. The man Carmichael who, as Superintendent of the Schools, put it through appeared on "Face the Nation." I hear that the movie of his appearance there will be available later on through the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission, 260 South Fifteenth Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania. Carmichael did nobly they say, and that movie will be very helpful.

For more intimate details, be in touch with Professor C.H. Parrish at the University of Louisville. His office telephone is MElrose 7-2531, and his home telephone is EMerson 8-2816. He is Assistant Director of SRC and a most able and well-informed man.

You could also get the story from the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, whose Executive Director is Galen A. Martin, at 208 West Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky. Telephone is 3-1409

Little Rock is another matter. Little Rock has not opened its public schools to Negroes. The three towns in Arkansas which have are Charleston, Fayetteville in the northwest corner, and Hoxie toward the northeast part of the state. But the University of Arkansas voluntarily opened long ago, and its considerable branch at Little Rock has quite large numbers of Negro students interspersed among the white students without any ruckus. If you want more details on the Arkansas matter, write to Nat Griswold, Arkansas Council on Human Relations, 211 Izard Street, Little Rock. Telephone is FRanklin 4-4521.

We wish you every success. I hope you have a copy of our little pamphlet -- herewith.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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AIRMAIL

October 3, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

We talked the other day about the possibility of our getting some copies of the integration report for complimentary distribution.

If we include our own Board on the list, we will need about 250 copies. It just struck me that I never thought to inquire how many copies you were printing. If this request is excessive, don't hesitate to let me know; if it is unduly modest, we can use more. In any case, I promise not to undercut the market, and as evidence of my good faith only today I steered an inquirer to the Fund at 40¢ a throw.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL October 3, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin, Executive Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations, Inc.
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

Thanks for the clips on the Henderson situation. I hope it is fully and constructively resolved.

Yesterday, in a long distance conversation with George Martin of the Fund for the Republic News Film Service I suggested that the role of the Henderson Ministerial Association should get wide play. He called back a while later and said that the Doug Edwards show had filmed the situation for presentation last night. I missed the program, but I'm told that the Ministerial group got proper recognition. We may also be able to carry a brief note on the subject in New South.

Many thanks for keeping us so well informed.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
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HCF:mbo
P.S. Enclosed is a clipping which you wanted returned. Others were returned to you in yesterday's mail.

October 3, 1956

Mrs. Miriam Bryan
680 W. Peachtree Street N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Bryan:

The report of our desegregation survey, which is being published by the Fund for the Republic, is not yet available. We should have some copies about the middle of the month, and I will send you one at that time.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Director

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AIRMAIL

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Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

I have your letter regarding the Loth-Fleming catalogue which you dictated before our conversation last week. If after looking at the introductory material in my report, you feel it is inadequate for your purpose, don't hesitate to let me know. My feeling is that I have done there all the "highlighting" that is called for, but I would be glad to do posthaste anything else you wanted.

Many thanks for your help and advice last week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Mrs. Bernard Facher
1665 Noble Drive, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Facher:

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Yours sincerely,

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Mrs. Sidney Parks
1506 Kay Lane, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mrs. Mels Jacobson
3536 Kingsboro Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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2319 Broadmore Lane
Jacksonville, Florida

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4029 Lake Forrest Drive
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Mrs. Abe Goldstein
Mrs. Don R. Schwartz

Sincerely,

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AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

October 3, 1956

Mr. Morris H. Rubin
The Progressive
Madison 3, Wisconsin

Dear Morris:

Many thanks for your good letter which was awaiting me on my return from New York the other day. I agree thoroughly with your thoughtful comments on the three pronged approach to the problems of segregation, and I hope I can promote this kind of treatment for the Progressive.

I was sorely tempted by your invitation to do a joint review for your December issue. Unfortunately - for reasons that I hope to communicate to you one of these days - I would be ill advised to take on anything that I would want to do well just now. I do have a suggestion. James McBride Dabbs, Mayesville, South Carolina (total address) is a farmer and scholar who lives on his ancestral acres in the middle of the black belt. He is deeply religious and widely read and is forthright in his opposition to segregation. At his best, he writes very well indeed. At the moment he is writing a book with the help of a grant from the Fund for the Republic. If he will take it on, I think he would do a wise and provocative review for you.

I wish I could take on the assignment myself. You can be sure that one of these days I will be knocking on The Progressive's door.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

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AIRMAIL

Mr. Thomas J. Woofter
1869 Wyoming Avenue N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Woofter:

Dr. Mitchell has referred to me your letter inquiring about our survey of integrated situations in the South. The full findings, along with a similar report on the North and West, will be available from the Fund for the Republic in about two weeks. I'm told that the price will be 40¢ per copy.

The news story which you saw was based on advance proofs which the Fund for the Republic made available to an AP reporter. Therefore, I am sorry to say, I have no news release or other summary which I can send you. If you would like a copy of the full findings, the quickest way to get it would be by placing an advance request with the Fund for the Republic, 60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York.

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October 4, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
c/o Frank W. Clinard
770 Roslyn Road
Winston Salem, North Carolina

ALL OF US ON THE STAFF ARE DEEPLY SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS WHICH THROUGH YOU WE SHARE.

HAROLD and FRED

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FBR/bsc

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Mr. Fred Darragh
1401 E. Sixth Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Fred:

You will recall in your telephone conversation of some time back, that I expressed the hope that we could place the Arkansas Council on Human Relations on provisional status because it has not met its minimum fund raising requirements, rather than cut offits funds as of October 1.

The Executive Committee of Southern Regional Council took such action at its recent meeting. The resolution passed reads:

We reaffirm the action taken at the Mammoth Cave meeting, August 16 ~~to~~-18, 1955, in which the Executive Committee recognized its responsibility in requiring the states to meet their pro rata share within each fiscal year, and that in 1956, the staff be given power to use its discretion as to states which might have this extended one month: that will be October 31st.

This means that you have a period of 30 days of grace in which to raise the balance of the minimum requirement for the past year. It means that during this period, your staff will continue to receive salary checks from SRC; but note that the period of grace ends October 31. North Carolina raised $16,000 the last month of the past fiscal year.

We wish you luck in your attempt to do it during this month of October.

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cc: Nat Griswold

FBR/bee

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Dr. Stanley H. Martin
Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Stanley:

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Your name has been entered on the New South subscription list, and you will not be billed for it. I feel that New South will help you in the work you are doing at the present time.

It must have been pleasant to have seen Ashton Almond in his new home in Norwalk Connecticut. I felt that he would surely enjoy his new work, and there is something of freedom in the air in New England. It must be most pleasant to one who hsas lived under restriction for the last several months.

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Wheatley & Company
Greenwood, Mississippi

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It is the policy of SRC to with hold funds from a state organization which does not reach its minimum requirement during a given fiscal year. Last year this was done in the case of two states. Both of them, however, came through with the minimum requirement within a short period of time. No more funds, including salary checks, may be sent to the Mississippi Council until you have indicated that you have raised the $3,500 minimum for the past fiscal year.

If you raise the required amount in a relatively brief period of time, further funds will be available to the Mississippi Council through December 1956. For the period October 1 - December 31, the amount available will be the pro-rata share of an annual allotment of $7,500.

I hope that the membership of MCHR will support the Board of Directors in their resolution to continue as a voluntary organization and certainly we deeply desire that the friendly connection between the two organizations continue. It was with considerable reluctance that we found it necessary to recommend the severance of financial aid to the Mississippi Council, particularly in the light of the dedicated people on the Board, of which you are a splendid example; but in all honesty we could not do otherwise.

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Dr. Lewis Deer
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianopolis 7, Indianna

Dear Lewis:

It was truly a pleasure to speak with your group at the Deciple's Conference. I always feel that I get as much out of one of these engagements as do the participants. The group Monday night was obviously interested in what is happening in the South, and, bless their hearts, they realized they had a responsibility in bringing the Christian ethic to bear on this problem.

I am enclosing my expense account for the trip. It totals $127.51. An itemized statement of expenses is enclosed. Please make the check payable to the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

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C O P Y

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Mrs. S. N. Locklair, Manager
Dorothy Hall Guest House
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Locklair:

A few days ago President Foster granted the Southern Regional Council permission to use the facilities of Dorothy Hall for a meeting beginning at lunch time on Wednesday, October 24 and ending at lunnh time on Thursday, October 25.

As far as we can ascertain now, there will be about thirty (30) persons in attendance at this meeting. There will probably be about 6 or 7 women among the group. We would need housing for the entire group for Wednesday night. We would also want the group to eat together at lunch on Wednesday afternoon. We would also need space for our meetng.

We will keep in touch with you should our plans change.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

cc:
President Foster

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The total number of cities in the South that employ Negro police now number 145, though there may be others we do not know about. The list of colleges is correct through June, 1956. We are now seeking information on schools which opened this fall.

The only state that we know about which has illuminated the question of race from the driver's license since 1953 is New York

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AIRMAIL

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Reprint Editor
The New York Times
229 West 43rd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We are writing concerning the New York Times Magazine article A Southern Negro's View of the South by Charles S. Johnson which appeared in the September 23rd issue. We are interested either in reprinting it in our magazine New South or reprinting it as a separate mailing piece. In either case it would be distributed to our mailing list of more than 5,000 persons. Any consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor - New South

JC:mbo

M E M O R A N D U M

October 5, 1956

To: SRC Staff

From: HCF

Re: Use of Thermo-fax copying machine

We have just had a new belt installed on the "thing". It seems the old belt was damaged by over-exposure to the heat lamp, and the service man gave us certain further instructions about proper use of the machine:

1. The machine should not be turned off immediately after use. It should be allowed to run empty for 30 to 60 seconds so that the belt can be cooled.

2. Only single sheets should be run through the machine. Folded matter or unusually heavy material might stop the belt and subject it to a destructive amount of heat. Of course paper clips, staples, and other such objects are verboten.

3. If the machine should clog, the cover should be lifted immediately. (If you don't know how to lift the cover ask John Constable or me to show you). This will turn the heat lamp off but allow the belt to keep turning so that no one spot bears the intense heat.

In general, the machine should be used only by JC, FBI, MBO and EAB. If possible, other staff members should enlist the services of one of these persons when material is to be copied.

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American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hager:

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To: State Executive Directors

From: John Constable

Subject: Film "Commencement"

The movie "Commencement" is a twenty minute film concerning fair employment practices. The film is designed primarily for employers and persons or groups who might be influential in determining employment policy.

Briefly, the film deals with an employer who learns through his son that many firms discriminate in employment policies because of race, color or creed. The employer, who is scheduled to deliver the commencement address at graduation exercises of his son's school, examines the policy of his own firm and finds there is discrimination there. He then, through contact with another firm, learns how to organize his plant on a more democratic and just basis. His commencement address is the story of his discovery and the process by which he reorganizes his own plant.

The film is available on loan from THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

JC:mbo

Copy also mailed to Board of Directors marked "For your information"

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ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE,

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

October 5, 1956

MEMORANDUM

To: State Executive Directors

From: John Constable

Subject: Film "For Fair Play"

The movie "For Fair Play" is concerned with fair employment practices and can be shown to any group. However, it is designed more for the interested layman than for the employer.

Briefly, the film deals with how an individual, through his son, discovers the handicaps that beset a Negro workman; and what he does to help his fellow man.

The film is available on loan from THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Each loan period is ten days.

JC:mbo

October 5, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

This is in reply to your letter about the impending visit to Atlanta of Fred van Wyk. Naturally we are looking forward eagerly to meeting him and comparing notes on his operation and ours. I have learned from Dean Brazeal at Morehouse that he too has been alerted. If you will let me know what other Atlanta persons have been written, we will work out with them some coordinated plan for Mr. van Wyk's visit here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 5, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Ed:

I have your memo inquiring about the need for extra copies of the Fund's Three-Year Report. We received only two, and could use as many as one hundred if they are available.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 5, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
1820 Jefferson Place N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

We haven't worked out travel plans to Tuskegee in detail, but probably several cars from here will be driving down on the morning of the 24th. You would be a most welcome passenger. Let us know how your schedule finally works out.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 5, 1956

Professor W. Stitt Robinson
The University of Kansas
Department of History
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Professor Robinson:

This will acknowledge your letter requesting additional copies of Three Views of the Segregation Decisions. Our supply of these booklets for free distribution is almost exhausted. However, I am sending you separately 12 copies without charge.

Because of the popularity of the pamphlet we have done another printing, copies of which will be available at 10¢ each.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 5, 1956

Detroit Public Library
5201 Woodward Avenue
Detroit 2, Michigan

Gentlemen:

This is in reference to your order No. 92775 for 44 copies free of Three Views of the Segregation Decisions. We are sending your separately twelve copies, which is our limit on free distribution on the pamphlet. Additional copies may be secured at 10¢ each.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe

October 8, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

I find that I never wrote you about the film "Commencement". Did the Fund buy copies for distribution?

We have screened the film and think it is useful particularly for showing to employers and others who are in position to influence employment policies. In lieu of copies of the film, I would be inclined to emphasize to our state groups that the film is available on loan basis from CGCC. I'll appreciate your letting me know where the matter stands.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 8, 1956

Mr. Solomon Sutker
Associate Professor of Sociology
Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Sol:

Your report has just arrived and I'm looking forward to reading it. Take comfort from the fact that yours is not the last to come in.

I will be writing you again, but meanwhile enclosed are the checks for your final vouchers and an idea for you to be thinking about. I was in Winston-Salem briefly the other day and talked with Reed Sarratt. He is interested in the results of your study. We discussed the possibility of their man Chester Davis doing a feature piece on your findings. This could not be definitely decided, of course, until Reed and Davis have read your report. But first of all I would need to know from you whether such a treatment would be satisfactory and whether there is any reason why you could not be credited with having done the study. I'll appreciate it if you will drop me a postcard or something on those points.

The book you mentioned is probably a report on integration in the last two years which is being published by the Fund for the Republic. It is not yet out, though it should be within a few days. It will be on sale through the Fund and the publishing house at 40¢ a copy. However, if we get complimentary copies I have requested, I should be able to send you one and you could decide whether or not to have the library order another.

Best from all of us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

October 8, 1956

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Journal and Sentinel
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dear Reed:

It was a great pleasure talking with you the other day.

I am returning with thanks the copy of your article from The Evening Sun, which we have read with great interest here and have copied it for our files. Your interpretation of the Pearsall plan was both enlightening and encouraging. Perhaps we can help get it better understood among the people whom we reach.

I have just received Sol Sutker's report on Negro suffrage in North Carolina. If it reads well enough, I will probably be sending a copy to you.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

October 8, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your complimentary note about the SPSSI speech.

Your clipping service probably will turn up all of these, but I thought you would be interested in our returns on the AP story dealing with the integration report. As of now, various people have sent us clips of the story from the following newspapers:

Atlanta Journal
Chattanooga Times
San Antonio Express & News
Norfolk Virginian-Pilot
Birmingham News
Tampa Tribune
Providence Journal
Cleveland Plain Dealer
Kansas City Star
Minneapolis Tribune
St. Paul Pioneer Press
Madison Times
Syracuse Herald American
Boston Globe
New York Herald Tribune

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 8, 1956

Mr. Frank Loescher
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

Ed Reed got hold of the film of Carmichael's television appearance while I was in New York. I was as impressed as you by the man's wisdom and effectiveness in interpreting the Louisville experience, and I very much hope that the Fund will be able to secure copies for distribution.

I thought you would like to see the enclosed clipping which shows that our Charlottesville group was alert to Carmichael's usefulness there.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

October 8, 1956

Mr. Jack Mullen
Jerry Fairbanks Productions
219 Majestic Building
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. Mullen:

Thank you for your letter of October 2nd expressing interest in our survey of desegregation.

Several films dramatizing the experience of St. Louis, Baltimore, and perhaps other communities have been completed or are in process. We don't have the resources to finance the making of the films ourselves, but we are eager users of those which appear.

I would be happy to see you when you are in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 8, 1956

Dr. Herman G. Canady
Professor of Psychology
West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia

Dear Dr. Canady:

I don't want to fail to thank you for the copy of your article "The Psychology of the American Negro", which I have read with great interest.

In view of the recent piece by Dr. McGurk in the U. S. News and World Report, your writings on this subject are particularly timely. Perhaps you know that, on the initiative of Dr. Deutsch, Dr. Otto Klineberg, and others active in SPSSI, a major public pronouncement on this subject is being readied for public release. Our discussion in Chicago was well timed indeed!

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 8, 1956

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

In reply to your letter of the 4th, it will be possible to prepare the article for Research in Action by October 26th.

As I recall our discussion of this article it was to be centered on information concerning Louisiana. After having put all of our material together it appears to me that it might be somewhat more valuable to give your readers a picture of the Southwide scene in general and, of course, Louisiana in particular. In this way I think the actual information on Louisiana would be more valuable by showing its relation to the neighboring states. If you prefer however, we can limit the material to Louisiana.

As a title for the Southeastern summary I would suggest something such as "Organized Resistance Groups of the Southeast." This summary would cover some eight or ten states with a somewhat longer coverage of Louisiana. I judge that we are dealing with an article of some 3,000 words. Would you please correct me on this if I'm wrong.

As soon as I have your opinion on the above, I will get to work and try to shoot the article right out to you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA:mbo

October 8, 1956

MEMORANDUM

TO: HCF
FHR
JH
CHP

FROM GSM

The Executive Session of the meeting of the Executive Committee on September 21st produced the following:

"Discussion in the Executive Session led to the conclusion that it would be well for a memo to be prepared by the staff, with general assistance from Harold Fleming, giving a review of the program planning of the staff; such a memo would be sent out to members of the Board well in advance of the Board meeting November 14th; the memo would be consistent with whatever draft may later on result of a letter to the Fund for the Republic from the President of the Council requesting renewal of aid from that body after October 1, 1957.

Discussion revealed that members of the Executive Committee believed that a particularly helpful feature of the proposed memo would be comprehensive discussion about the desirability of strong state organizations as against a more centralized operation."

I would be grateful if all of you would begin work on such a memo to the Board members.

eab/

October 8, 1956

Mrs. Ruth D. Bradford
531 Garland Street
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bradford:

I am sorry that my absence from the office prevented my answering your letter before now.

We have very little in print that bears directly on the question which you are investigating. In fact, I think we are all at the beginning rather than at the end of discovering how racial attitudes can be modified in a bi-racial society.

I am sending you separately a few things that may be of help. I should think the best case studies would be Louisville, Baltimore and St. Louis. In all three of these places, as you probably know, there was a substantial period of conscious preparation by school people and others for the change in schools. I don't know if you saw Superintendent Carmichael of Louisville on the recent television program "Face the Nation". He did a most impressive job of interpreting the proper role of community leaders, educational and otherwise. I understand that there is some possibility that a film of this program will be available to interested groups.

I am enclosing the titles of a few books which our Research Assistant suggests as pertinent to your inquiry.

Let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

The Nature of Prejudice	by Allport, Gordon Addison Wesley Publishing Co. 1954
Prejudice and Your Child	by Clark, Kenneth The Beacon Press, 1955
A Manual of Intergroup Relations	Dean, John P. & Rosen, Alex University of Chicago Press 1955
The Fears Men Live By	Hirsh, Selma Harper and Brothers, 1955
The Main Types and Causes of Discrimination	United Nations Publication, 1949 Available from: International Documents Service Columbia University Press 2960 Broadway, New York, N.Y.
Child Study	"The Many Faces of Prejudice" Winter 1955-56 Available from: Child Study Association 132 East 74th Street, N.Y.C.

October 8, 1956

Dr. Louis C. Kesselman
University of Louisville
Department of Political Science
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Kesselman:

Thank you for the second half of the Kentucky study, which I have read with great interest. The material you have brought together is a useful contribution to our understanding of voting behavior, but our limited Southwide report cannot take full advantage of the detailed analysis. Thus I think it is very much in order for you to do a summary of it for the Courier Journal. As far as I am concerned, the sooner the better.

I will be writing you perhaps on specific points in your report as we begin to put the regional analysis together.

Meanwhile our thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 8, 1956

Mr. Morton T. Elder
P. O. Box 3821
Fairview Station
Birmingham 8, Ala.

Dear Morton:

I'm glad to hear that you are on your feet again and that I can look forward to your report soon.

I'm not clear on what we can do to assist you in the matter of the lost suitcase. We have no attorneys available for this kind of problem but if you will let me know specifically what might help, I will see what I can do.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

October 9, 1956

Mr. John W. Stanley
1125 30th Street South
Birmingham 5, Alabama

Dear Mr. Stanley:

Your letter to Miss Florence Irving has been passed along to me since Miss Irving is now on vacation.

The information you seek is that the church mentioned in the publication as the National Baptist Church is really the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

If we can be of further aid to you please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbe

October 9, 1956

Mr. Sam L. Laird
Box 399
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Laird:

There is no pamphlet on the Bible and Race written by the Presbyterian U.S.A. However, there is something in the Presbyterian Outlook, March 14, 1955. You might find this listed as The Presbyterian Outlook (U.S. Church), March 14, 1955, 1 North Sixth Street Richmond , Virginia.

You may find it in your own library.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/bsc

New South, October, 1954 (Menefee)
" " March through September, 1956
Changing Patterns
Three Views of the Segregation Decision
Next Steps in the South

October 9, 1956

Robert L. Barrus
Route Two
Burnsville, North Carolina

Dear Robert Barrus:

I send you the article that resulted from Menefee's tour. Menefee is an awfully good guy. Teaches now at Berea -- as he did then; but since then he is be-Doctored.

He found four, five, or six, counties in the Appalachian area with school superintendents who watered at the mouth to desegregate. I am careful not to know which particular counties they were. But each of these men said that the maintenance of a separate Negro school was costing them ten or fifteen thousand dollars a year which the county could ill afford.

Four or five years ago I caused a young history graduate student at Emory to read all the books about the agitated 1850s in the Appalachian area. I wanted to see if as the controversy grew the mountainy people saw themselves consciously in a role as protectors of freedom. When the boy got through we discussed it. Query: "Did you find anywhere the note of human brotherhood?" Answer: "Nowhere." Query: "What note was struck?" Answer: "The right to do what we think best." Now that you can build on. This or that Southern governor may be foaming: I think cool-headed hill-dwelling people will find some polite phrase for telling Excellency to go chase himself.

Study the map I send along in the book with the blue streak across it. Then you will see what can happen. Other pamphlets helpful. Hope you read 'em!

Do hook up with Harry Jones and the North Carolina Council on Human Relations.

You must also find a way to keep step most closely with what John Alexander is doing for the AFSC at their Greensboro office. I assume you know; if you don't holler for him pronto.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Publications under separate cover.

October 9, 1956

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith
934 Lee Street
Natchitoches, La.

Dear Ocie Lee:

I am not technical enough to be able to criticise helpfully the questionnaire you sent me. But I would bet the last 10¢ I had that you would find out something useful. This not on account of the questions, but on account of Ocie Lee.

I have some queer news for you. I have told the Executive Committee of SRC that on January 15th I am going to quit my job and prepare myself to move for good and all to the Highlands of Scotland. Various reasons. Fortunately SRC has exceedingly able people to take over and run the works better than before.

One purpose in going to Scotland (I admit not a major one) is to burrow out a place where all my friends from hereabouts and yonder-abouts, (meaning Arkansas and Louisiana), can come and get out of their shells and have a good time. I will build a guest house, otherwise called a motel, next door to my house. There will be moorland paths seventeen miles across the heather to the nearest pub. And for special people like you and your family, I will drive the car around by road and pick you up at the end of the seventeen miles and bring you back to a peat fire and a warm bed.

Exact spot not yet presently selected, but pretty well pinpointed on the map. Probably called Applecross, opposite the Isle of Skye on the mainland. The rarity of a valley with a limestone floor in a region of sheep sodden moors.

Please set your course to come and pay us a visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:eab:c

October 9, 1956

GSA:

The memo going out to Board members is well-timed, and I am glad you sent it.

For future reference, the phrase, "As usual the Council will pay your travel expenses to this meeting," may not pin it down for this or that timid soul who feels he will be stuck with a hotel bill at Williamsburg. I know that is silly, but then some people are silly. So, when you can, spell it out.

eab/

October 9, 1956

Miss Eulalie Genn
Wesley Foundation
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Eulalie:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me Miracle In Mississippi. I look forward with considerable anticipation to reading it.

It is the story of Laurence C. Jones of Piney Woods School. I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Jones and visiting on his campus. It was a truly unique experience, and particularly so since it is in Mississippi. Mrs. Purcell, who wrote the book sent our office a nice note not long ago, commending our magazine, New South. She is a dedicated soul to the humanitarian treatment of all people.

Thanks again for your thoughtful act and generosity.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Direcotr

FBR/bsc

October 9, 1956

RHA:

Opportunity presented itself in my recent talks with David Freeman to suggest to him that he come to Tuskegee forearmed with power to write a check which would pick up the tab for the Dorothy Hall lodging and meals. I said I supposed it would not run above two or three hundred dollars. And David Freeman said he would come so armed, and pleasantly.

eab/

October 9, 1956

Mr. A. Dudley Ward
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dudley:

Very good to see you t'other day at the Gramercy Park.

I too wish there were some way to switch the meeting to run over to October 26th, but I am scared to.

Do send somebody to represent you even woodenly. And I will write you a letter and give you highlights.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 9, 1956

Mr. Fred G. Walcott
Co-Director of the Workshop
in Human Relations
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Fred:

We are full of appreciation for the magnificent total of $89.75 waiting with the cashier of the University for someone to come up to next year's Institute.

Fred Routh will work out all the details, and will be in touch with you soon and later.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: FBR + incoming dtd 10/4/56

October 9, 1956

Mrs. Bill King
1416 Pinehurst
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. King:

My people have delightedly sent on the things you wanted.

I notice in our press that Miami is going to take our good Unitarian parson, Canfield. Good man, and has a good wife.

I expect our people here were over-enthusiastic as to probable purchasers at your October 10th meeting. I see they sent twenty-five of most things, and thirty of the free ones.

The manufacturer's recommended resale price is as follows: Changing Patterns 25¢, Three Views 10¢, Baltimore Report free, Next Steps 20¢, What the Courts Said 10¢; postage came to $1.69.

I would recommend your being kind enough to send back to us any proceeds that you may think properly due to us. And the surviving surplus of pamphlets you might either dispose of usefully thereabouts without charge, or mail for cheapness of postage to Bill Williams at the Florida Council on Human Relations at 324 South Beach Street at Daytona Beach.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RHA
Mr. William Williams

October 9, 1956

FBR:

Here is a further letter from Fred Walcott. Total now in the scholarship fund is $89.75.

What would you think of your opening correspondence with Walcott to see how much the ordinary fees for the Institute are? Then you would need to establish the cost of the travel to Ann Arbor from various southerly points.

In any case, the smart thing to do would be to ask Kentucky or Tennessee to pick a mugg to go. What say?

eab/

Encl.

October 9, 1956

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
2921 Nineteenth Street, South
Apartment E
Homewood, Alabama

Dear Bob:

You were a good egg to write, and I am grateful.

One of my purposes in going to this remote spot is to burrow out comfort and hospitality for people just like you and your family to stop at. You will be through the British Isles on your way out to Bufufolo, and you must stop with the Mitchells. Moorland walks seventeen miles through the heather to the next pub. But then preachers have no use for pubs.

Howsomeever the Mitchells will take the car around by road to the end of the road and pick up all of you and feed you tea from a thermos flask, and bring you home to a peat fire and warm beds. Speed the day!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 9, 1956

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

When a kind lady's mite amounts to a quarter of a hundred dollars, we are special extra grateful. Particularly when I am sure the Arkansas Council on Human Relations has been pressing you warmly.

Grand that you are coming to Williamsburg! We will all enjoy that occasion.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $25.00

October 9, 1956

Mrs. William Thomas Mason
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Mason:

As you shape the program for the meeting November 16th and 17th, do please try to put me as early as you can.

I have to be in Williamsburg for a meeting of my own Board November 14th and 15th. If perchance you could use me on the 16th, that I would like the best. Object: scoot home and rake leaves.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 9, 1956

Mr. Edward B. Orr
Editorial Writer
The Christian Science Monitor
One Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Orr:

That makes it tougher! I have promised to be at St. Paul, Minnesota, November 20, but I am to be in Atlanta all day November 19th, which is one of the two days you will be coming. But that Monday, November 19th, is a most crowded day: a South African man hereabouts, and teaching in the afternoon, etc.

But we could get in half an hour, and you could have longer with various of the others here who know more than I know.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 9, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
1820 Jefferson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

We all agree that you ought to come to the Tuskegee meeting, and I am delighted that there is already some wigglement about transportation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

AIRMAIL

October 10, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
1820 Jefferson Place N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

We have reserved a room for you at the Binkler Plaza hotel for the early morning hours of October 24th. I'm looking forward to the trip to Tuskegee together and a chance for some leisurely conversation.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

October 10, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

As I told Frank on the telephone yesterday, we have written the New York Times Magazine for permission to reprint Charles Johnson's article. Assuming the permission is granted, we have not yet decided on the form and quantity of the reprint. Would you have need for copies?

We have also read with interest Carmichael's article in the New York Times Magazine of October 7th. It would have considerable usefulness as a printed counterpart of the "Face the Nation" film. I wish we could talk some education group into reprinting it and making it available.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 10, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

The Chairman of each state organization has sent in signed the certificate about no politics, which we sent out to each Chairman in mid-September; all states that is except Louisiana and Mississippi.

Can you speak pleasantly to your Chairman and get her to sign this certificate as and if she ought to?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 10, 1956

Miss Paula G. Strobach
Program Chairman
Philadelphia Chapter, NAIRO
800 Commercial Trust Building
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Miss Strobach:

Harold Fleming of our office has asked me to drop you a note regarding the possibility of my speaking to the local NAIRO group in Philadelphia. As you probably know, I am on the Board of NAIRO, and am chairman of its Southern Region.

I am leaving shortly for a two week vacation in Canada, but would be happy to stop by Philadelphia and speak to your group. The best date for me would be luncheon on Saturday the 27th. If this is feasible, please let me know.

The address at which you can best reach me would be:
%Mrs. Tina Kivell
Box 26, RR 1
Hamilton, Ontario
Canada

My best regards to Maurice Fagan and George Schermen.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

October 10, 1956

Miss Phyllis L. Renick
Secretary to Dr. Marion
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Miss Renick:

We mentioned earlier that we were going to send out a graph report on the fund raising accomplishments of the various state councils in September; but we decided to wait until the October 1 deadline, to ascertain which Councils had met their quota, or exceeded it, or had fallen short of it. This will be reported shortly.

My best regardsto Dr. Marion.

Cordilly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

October 10, 1956

Mrs. Septima P. Clark
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Cleark:

We share with you the concern for interracial channels of communication in the Deep South, and also the need for Negro leadership, particularly in the border states. We would add to this concern, the crying need for white leadership throughout the region.

I will be glad to participate in several of the workshops which you proposed. My schedule would have to be similar to that of last summer. In other words, drive up one night, speak the next morning, participate in the afternoon, then drive back to Atlanta that evening. I doubt that I could make the one in January, but if you will notify me of others in advance, I will try to fit the trip into my calendar.

I was happy to note that Highlander regards all consultants as guests, and therefore my expenses will be covered.

My best regards to you and Myles Horton.

Cordilly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

October 10, 1956

Reverend H. B. Sissel
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsyvania

Dear Ben:

Thank you for your letter of October 5. We will take care of the order for 100 copies of Next Steps In The South to Reverend Paul Koper.

I regret that no one from the Council will be free to come to Norman, Oklahoma October 22; but as you noted, Dr. Duncan will be a good representive, for he knows the work of SRC.

You asked the question, "What do you do when no one around here will even discuss the subject? As soon as race, integration or public schools is mentioned, they either spit in your face, or turn around and walk away."

This is not an easy question to answer, for circumtances vary widely; but generally speaking, the easiest approach is to find the "lowest common denominator." You have to accept people where they are, and many who are not interested or who may even be opposed to integration may be willing to talk about preservation of law and order. A question such as, "How do we prevent a Clinton or a Sturgis in our home town", might be a good starting point. Another area of interest is the Chamber of Commerce pride that some people hold for their community. A question such as, "How do we improve our total community, or how do we improve health facilities or educational facilities for all in our community", might be a good starting point. Or perhaps, "How do we maintain our reputation for having good race relations", might be a starter.

With other people who are more sophisticated, you can start out with, "What would be the results if we sought to implement the Supreme Court decision here". In other words, "Where are the schools, where are the kids, and what would be the transportation problems involved".

I trust that this does not sound too elementary, but hope it will be of some assistance to you. We sure hope that it will be possible for you to get someone to the conference at Taskeegee on October 24.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

October 10, 1956

Mrs. Agnus Barlow
1010 Ayrshire
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Barlow:

I think perhaps you have received a letter. As for travel instructions, you may come by plane, train, or bus. Please keep account of your expenses that may be refunded to you.

The mimeographed letter that is enclosed, gives you the information about the place, hotel and hours. The last paragraph about replying is not necessary. It just happens to be in the letter of information.

We are delighted you are coming.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

Enclosure

MET/bsc

October 10, 1956

Mrs. R. R. Claiborne
2744 Peachtree Road N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Claiborne:

We hope you have the dates, October 30 and 31 secure on your calendar for the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned -- "Southern Church Women Concernedabout Their South".

The Place: The Young Men's Christian Association Building, 145 Luckie Street N.W., Atlanta.

Hours: October 30 - beginning 10:00 a.m. with afternoon and evening sessions following
October 31 - 9:00 a.m. until lunch.

We would appreciate hearing from you and are hoping you will find it convenient to accept this invitation. These are challenging times and we need to find wisdom and courage for the facing of these days.

Sincerely hoping you may be with us October 30 and 31.

I remain,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 10, 1956

Mrs. J. A. Levy
32 Frank Clark Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Levy:

Your letter has just been received, and we do hope that you will be able to be with us at the work shop.

The women who will be invited to the workshop, are those who are leaders in the South. Your name was given to us from the list that Mrs. Sam Mohr sent us. You will find it will be women from the various denominations of the protestant group, and women of the Jewish and Catholic faith.

So far, Mrs. Herbert McAbee, 509 Penwood Drive, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Mrs. W. T. Castles, 835 Kilbourney, Columbia, South Carolina; and Mrs. Maynard Neider (Anti-Defamation League), 2407 Craig Road, Columbia, South Carolina; have written that they will be here. If you can make any arrangements with them for transportation, I am sure they will welcome any suggestions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 10, 1956

Mrs. George B. Little
2135 Malvern Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Little:

Your letter was just received. Your plane reservation will make it possible for you to be here almost at the opening of the workshop. So it is alright to come that way.

We are delighted that you are coming. We have made your reservations at the hotel.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 11, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for the word about the election of Mrs. Morris Young to be on the Board of SRC.

We have sent Mrs. Young an official invitation to be at Williamsburg, and I am very glad she will come.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Under separate cover:

Toward the South of the Future
NCCHR brochure
New South, March thru Sept. '56
SRC - Brief Account of its Origins & Aims

October 11, 1956

Mr. William Beekman Huger
Nine Cedarcliff Road
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Huger:

I send a background document on the origins of the Southern Regional Council, and a simple leaflet which gives something on objectives and the leading officers.

Marion A. Wright is at no great remove, at Linville Falls. He withdrew from a law practice in Conway, S. C. some years ago, and lives on a mountaintop. One other Vice-President should be listed, Paul D. Williams of Richmond, Va. Paul Williams is Vice-President of a publishing firm, and is a leading Southern Catholic layman.

Gordon Hancock taught Economics at Virginia Union University for many years, and was and is also a Baptist minister. Carter Wesley runs a string of Negro newspapers in Texas. Mr. Dent is President of Dillard University. Mr. Clement is President of Atlanta University. Mr. Haas is a lawyer in private practice. I am sometime of Richmond.

I send also some recent issues of our magazine, New South, from which you can gather our stand on current matters.

The Council has as proper members only the seventy-five or so persons who are members of its Board of Directors. The Council itself assists in each of a dozen Southern states an organization working at improving race relations, called in many cases the Alabama Council on Human Relations, or the South Carolina one, etc. In North Carolina we help the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, of which Mr. Harry Jones, at 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte, is Executive Director. I hope you will be in touch with Harry Jones, and if you like what the North Carolina Council on Human Relations does, join in with them. Here's a leaflet from them.

We greatly value the support of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 11, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Lowell L. Giffen
Chairman, Program Committee
Fellowship House of Knoxville
2308 Highland Drive
Fountain City, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Giffen:

Greatly wish I could, but I'm tied down. Can send you a better guy in the person of Fred Routh, known already to many of your people. But it will cost his travel and a bed for him to sleep on; he's a moderate man when it comes to running up travel bills.

December 4th Fred will be there. I've given him your letter. If you need further contact with him, telephone here is WAlnut 1821.

I greatly praise what Fellowship House is doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc * incoming to FBR

October 11, 1956

Mr. Galen R. Weaver
Race Relations Department
Board of Home Missions
Congregational Christian Churches
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Galen:

This confirms my conversation yesterday reiterating our hope that you will get somebody to the Tuskegee meeting, October 24-25.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 11, 1956

Miss Florence Harris
National Board YWCA
Southern Region
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Harris:

An extra wiggle of cooperation, please, in preparation for the Tuskegee meeting which comes October 24-25.

1. Nothing more boring at such meetings than the long horn-blowing speeches we all make about what we are doing. Here is a sample of a brief and pleasant toot on a horn from one agency. Could you paraphrase some recent report or do a brand-new brief notelet, which similarly sums up where you stand and what you have got done and expect to do? When you make your notelet, make enough copies for you to mail one copy to each about-to-participate agency. Attached is a list of about-to-participate agencies.

2. Try to get off in the next day or so an airmail letter to me, listing the one, two, or three questions or topics which you would most like to see discussed at Tuskegee. I will shuffle and relist for us all.

By these two devices we ought early to get down to business. All depends on your finding time to make these things happen speedily.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 11, 1956

Miss Esther Stamats
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

Your reservation is at the Piedmont Hotel. We are meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association, 145 Luckie Street, N.E., Atlanta, just a few blocks from the hotel.

The schedule is as follows: October 30, 10:00 a.m. with afternoon and evening sessions following. Octobef 31, 9:00 a.m. and closing the meeting at lunch the same day. Lunch will be served both days for us at the Y.M.C.A.

It is going to be wonderful to have you. We are not going to think in terms of sections, we are going to think in terms of our nation; so please break in on the discussion at any time that you think it is pertinent.

In the next few days, I will send you something about the workshop sections and let you decide in which one of them you want to be.

I am delighted that you are coming.

I remain,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 11, 1956

Dr. A. C. Miller
161 Eighth Avenue North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

Following our conversation of a few moments ago, this is to reiterate that you have a reservation at the Piedmont Hotel. Just sign for your meals each time. It will be put on your account, and we will pick it up for you as we will do for the rest of the people.

Father Shean's address is: Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

It certainly makes us happy that you will be here with us

I remain,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 11, 1956

Mrs. L. S. Ashley
1611 Drake
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

Our budget certainly does allow for air plane travel for you, and any other expenses you might have. You are an important lady, and we need you.

Please be prepared to get in just a few words -- something about your state meeting.

With love and thanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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NIGHT LETTER

October 11, 1956

Mr. Fred Darragh, Chairman
c/o Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

These are trying times in the South. The forces which oppose the progress of Democracy stride across the region in twenty league boots. They are fully aware that Arkansas is a key state. The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations can be no less alert but must be more dedicated than those who would drag the state back into the past. To the members of the Board this calls for a reassessment of priorities. How much do we really believe in what the ACHR is trying to do? Are we willing to let a handful of wilful men destroy the gains already won and the promise of the future?

SRC regards the staff of the ACHR as among the finest in the South. This is demonstrated by the allocation of funds for the 1956-57 fiscal year. We do not believe that the state Board has less faith than we in the staff or program. The Board can best demonstrate its faith by meeting its responsibility of fund raising. Other states, some with lesser programs, have met their quota.

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To: Mr. Fred Darragh, Chairman

October 11, 1956

If we care, the job can and will be done. We will prove in Arkansas and in the South that a Democratic form of government is capable of granting first class citizenship to all its people or is unworthy of their support. With the current world crisis and the threat of communism we dare not fail.

FREDERICK B. ROUTH

October 11, 1956

Mrs. Edgar Eyler
209 Garrard
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Eyler:

From time to time, through the years, women church leaders of the South, have come together to face issues of our section. While these workshops are sponsored by the Southern Regional Council, all denominations of the three faiths and both races have participated.

In 1954, and again in 1955, the women sought to find ways to ease the tensions growing out of the Supreme Courth Decision on integration of our schools. Recent events make us know, again we must meet together and we are asking you to be one of the group — to meet October 30 and 31.

We have funds for the expenses of your travel and entertainment. We would appreciate hearing from you and are hoping you will find it convenient to accept this invitation.

We will meet at the Young Men's Christian Association, 145 Luckie Street N.W, Atlanta. The hotel will be The Piedmont. On October 30, at 10:00 a.m. we will begin our first meeting; and on October 31, at 9:00 a.m. we will begin the meeting which will end with lunch.

These are challenging times and we need to find wisdom and courage for the facing of these days.

It has been a joy to work with the Lutheran women. We would like to hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 11, 1956

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

Things are shaping up very well for our workshop , October 30 and 31. We are expecting you to speak on the evening of the 30th. This, however, does not mean that it will be the only time when we are expecting you to use your voice.

Your reservation is at the Piedmont Hotel. We are meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association, 145 Luckie Street, N.E., Atlanta, just a few blocks from the hotel.

The schedule is as follows: October 30, 10:00 a.m. with afternoon and evening sessions following. October 31, 9:00 a.m. and closing the meeting at lunch the same day. Lunch will be served both days for us at the Y.M.C.A.

We are building up the work books, and have in it the new segregation legislation by states, Negroes registered in each state by counties, a short summary of the resistance movement in each state. Of course, there will other things.

Deeply appreciative of the fact that you will be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 12, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

We have written the New York Times Magazine requesting permission to reprint Dr. Charles Johnson's article. Assuming permission will be granted we haven't yet decided whether to run it in New South or as a separate pamphlet. But we will do one or the other. If you have any strong feelings about which treatment would be best for your purposes, drop me a note.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 12, 1956

Mr. A. R. Suritz
101 East Main Street
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Bob:

I too greatly enjoyed our time together in New York, most particularly the dinner at Moskowitz & Lubowitz'. You can be my guide in New York any time.

The AJC has, in the past, given us some help on a specific project or two, but they are not regular contributors; nor is Mr. Engel.

Did you go to the Klan meeting?

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 12, 1956

Mrs. Ellen Roberts
Bonifay
Florida

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

Thank you for your letter of October 8. We will send you, under cover, the pamphlets which your requested.

Regarding the article you enclosed about the death penalty for any state official of Georgia who assisted in enforcing the Supreme Court decision, I am happy to report that the legislation turned it down.

It is true that the NAACP has been banned by court action (state court) in Alabama. It has also suffered the same fate in Louisianna and is under fire in Texas and Florida; and will no doubt be under fire in Mississippi, Georgia, and South Carolina within the next few months.

I am glad that you got out of Bonifay for a vacation. It is always good to make a break with the routine work and come back for a fresh start.

Kindest regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

October 12, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We do not have any extra copies of the mimeopraph on The American Traditions Project. We will send you, under separate cover, a few of the extras we have. It would be fairly easy for you to have them mimeopgraphed in your own office if you need more copies.

Regarding the two questions your Board authorized you to ask the Central Office--here is an attempt to answer:

(1) RE: tax exemption and obtaining a charter. If your Board feels that this is propitious to seek a charter at this time in the State of South Carolina, then our advise is to proceed with care and with competent legal councel. The same is true for seeking tax exemption.

(2) RE: Approaching the Governor to request that he set up a bi-racial committee on human race. This was done here in Georgia by Guy Wells and his Board. The Governor di not let him do it, but at least it made him aware that there were right thinking individuals in the state. Again the decision would have to be made by your executive committee or Board.

I do not have a list at hand of all of the states which have official human rights commissions, but I have recently read that some 64% of the American people now live in states or cities which have commissions.

Some of these commissions have proved very effective. Particularly those with teeth--enforcement provisions. Others have proved less effective where only the power of persuasion is available. Still others have proved hindrances to progress because they served as a defense for officials who want to do nothing.

Any such commission appointed by the Governor in the Deep South today would bear careful watching.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Director, Assistant

FBR/bec

October 12, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
1820 Jefferson Place N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

This will acknowledge with appreciation the check for professional services for Morton Elder which we will handle as planned.

Enclosed is a confirmation of your hotel reservation. I'm looking forward to seeing you on the morning of the 24th. Frank Loescher just called to say that he is also arriving Tuesday night and wants to ride down with us Wednesday. I'm looking forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

October 12, 1956

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for the copy of Mrs. Simon's note on the Charleston Navy Yard cafeteria. I'm looking forward to such further information as you may receive from Dr. W. W. Jones.

My thanks also for the manuscript by Dr. Charles S. Johnson. As you perhaps know, it provided the basis for an article by him in the New York Times Magazine of September 23rd, which we are planning to reprint either in New South or as a separate leaflet.

Dr. Mitchell is following through on your request that he write Mr. Keels, enclosing a copy of Representative Walter's letter and requesting a correction of the false charge against SRC.

We are well pleased with our Thermo-Fax duplicating machine. It is very useful for making a limited number of copies of printed material or clearly typed correspondence. However, it does not copy anything in color, and it must be used with some care to avoid damage to the mechanism. The retail price of the one we bought was $338.87 including tax.

I am returning one of the clippings you sent, since it seems to have been erroneously put together. I'm enclosing the copies requested.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

October 12, 1956

Mr. T. D. Keels, Chairman
Sumter County Citizens' Council
P. O. Drawer 429
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Keels:

Several weeks ago our attention was called to a printed circular, dated August 14, 1956, distributed by the Sumter County Citizens' Council and bearing your name as chairman. In the first paragraph of this circular the statement is made: "The Southern Reginal Council has been listed by the House Un-American Activities Committee."

This statement is wholly untrue, as evidenced by the enclosed copy of a letter from Representative Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

I trust that you will recognize the seriousness of such an unfounded charge and that you will give equal circulation to a correction.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mbo
Enc.

BCC: Mrs. Alice Spearman

October 12, 1956

Dr. John R. Larkins
North Carolina Department of Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Larkins:

On August 7, Dr. Mitchell wrote Mr. Wellons outlining the allocations of $7,500 to the North Carolina Council for the third grant period. The letter stipulated that $5,000 was set aside for the salary of the executive director and that the remaining $2,500 might be used for additional professional staff or for clerical help.

Since that time, in a telephone conversation, Dr. Mitchell agreed with Mr. John H. Wheeler that we would pay the salary of Mr. Chance for the months of October and November. One half of the amount paid Mr. Chance will be subtracted from the $2,500 mentioned above. The other half will be absorbed by the SRC.

Regarding the budget of the North Carolina Council, we feel that this is a matter for your executive committee or Board to determine. Your group has qualified for assistance during the fiscal year of 1956-57; terms of which are outlined in the previously mentioned letter of August 7.

Since we have not heard of an official decision from your group we will pay salaries of Mr. Jones, Mr. Chance and Mrs. Stewart. Please advise us of any change in status of your staff if this is not in accordance with the plans of the North Carolina Council.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

cc: Mr. John Wheeler
Mr. Harry Jones
Mr. Guy B. Johnson

October 12, 1956

Rev. Caxton Doggett
376 N.E. 90 Street
Miami 38, Florida

Dear Mr. Doggett:

You are an SRC Board Member by virtue of your being chairman of the Florida Council.

The Southern Regional Council will pay your expenses to attend this meeting.

We are happy that you are planning to attend, and look forward to seeing you in Williamsburg.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administration Assistant

GSA/bsc

October 12, 1956

Mr. Galen A. Martin
208 West Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

According to your recent letter, we have added the names of Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg and Mr. Whitney M. Young to the list of board members as being representatives from the Kentucky Council, in place of Mr. Olof Anderson and Mr. W. H. Perry, Jr.

We have sent these persons notices of the board meeting which will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia on November 14-15, 1956.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander
Administrative Assestant

GSA/bsc

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October 12, 1956

Mrs. H. F. Holmes
318 Murray Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

FILM FAIR PLAY SHIPPED YOU TODAY AS REQUESTED.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

October 12, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Edward B. Orr
Editorial Writer
The Christian Science Monitor
One Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Orr:

We are not much better off on Monday and Tuesday, November 12 and 13. I have got a two-hour class for the chunk of the afternoon of Monday, November 12th, and I ought after the class to be heading out for Williamsburg and Washington.

But if you could reach Atlanta by noon on Monday, November 12, we could do considerable talking before the 1:45 class at Morehouse College. And, again, the others who know more than I know would be around on Tuesday, November 14th.

If November 19th would still suit you better, that is workable, but hardly superior to November 12th.

We welcome you warmly either time. Let me know which, if you can.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: GSA

Note: copy of pertinent information re Tuskegee meeting mailed to Mr. Rilling this date.

October 12, 1956

Mr. Alfred C. Payne
Executive Secretary
Southern Area Student Council
Young Men's Christian Association
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Al:

Straight about Rilling, and we will deal with him, copy to you.

You didn't read that paragraph 1 very closely. No notion of a letter to me. You are supposed to do a new boil-down of what you have been doing and of what you expect to do, and mimeograph the thing and you, yourself, mail out copies of it to each invited agency, as listed on the thing we sent you. I get a copy of it, but it is not a "letter" to me.

Thanks for questions, which will go into the pot and come out.

Come to see us.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 12, 1956

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

I would resign every year if I could be sure it would fetch you to the Board meeting!

I have long had an intention of quitting whatever I was doing when I was about 55. I can just barely swing it until I am pensionable at 65 if I live in some forsaken spot like the Western Highlands of Scotland. So, by Jiminy, I will be a'doing it.

One minor purpose is to arrange a pleasant stopping place thereabouts for friends including, most particularly, all the Davidsons.

We will count on you for being at the Board meeting.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 12, 1956

Mr. Jack Sessions
Acting Director
ILGWU Training Institute
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Jack:

I am at your service at any time between December 4th and December 14th, except December 10th. I teach a class in Atlanta December 3rd and December 10th (and December 17th).

You said you might find some way to get me hauled up to New York in the first half of December. Love to come, and love to teach your people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 12, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

People very kindly give me the names of good eggs who reside variously in these Southerns. I always write the names down, but often I forget who told me that whosis was a good egg. This morning I turn up with a week-end name in my notebook of such a good egg in St. Petersburg, but I have clean lost out of my memory who told me the guy was good.

Anyway, the good egg is named Bob Smith, lives at 110 Sunset Drive, S. W. in St. Petersburg, and he works for the Veterans Administration, and he is white.

That's all I know, and I only know that by hearsay.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 12, 1956

The Director of Admissions
and Mrs. D. of M.
Bard College
Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

Dear the G's:

My heart fails me when I run across my notebook purpose to send a thank-you note to you. Lord that was ten days ago and more!

But you were mighty kind to tote me home and sleep me well and feed me next morning at the crack of dawn. And I remember that good oatmeal I had, and it stuck with me all day. As for cornbread, in Willimantic believe it or not I found a bakery man with blueberry corn muffins!

I had a grand time, and I am very grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 12, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

I read your secretary just now my purpose to leave Columbus, Georgia on EAL Flight 162 at 2:14 EST, and bust into Birmingham at 1:59 p.m. CST, and bust out of Birmingham Dallas bound at 3:15 p.m. via DAL Flight 501.

Delta's Flight 501 hits Fort Worth, never stopping at Dallas, at 5:30 p.m. That means some kind soul ought to meet me at Fort Worth and haul me to whatever you have got working for that night. Also, please, use Texas resources to reserve a lower for me for the night of the 25th from Dallas to Houston. I will buy the ticket with a railroad travel card when I get to Dallas.

Point of this letter is to get you to let me know just as soon as you can whether or not this deal suits you. If it does I will buy the tickets and exert myself to meet the schedule.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RHA
FBR

October 12, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

We confront the fiscal and mechanical problem of payroll checks for Mr. Holbert. I gather from your letter of t'other day that Mr. Holbert is being regarded as in full duty status.

We only undertook to shove you for this coming fiscal year $10,000. You can spend it any way you want. What I am saying is that until we are formally notified by you that Holbert is ceasing to be Associate Director, we consider ourselves required to keep on sending Holbert his check.

This is an action without emotion one way or the other.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/bab

October 12, 1956

Mr. Charles Abrams
State Commission Against Discrimination
270 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Charlie:

When I was in New York a week or ten days ago you did a much appreciated thing in sending a wire up to Jack Sessions at the ILGWU to say you were sorry you couldn't come to hear me make a speech. I am considerably honored that you would ever worry about whether you got to the other end of the Island to hear me make a speech. I tried very hard to pay you a visit, but an importunate man in New York City is always in a hurry, and I did not make it.

But I admire you, and I tell you so. And that business about the airplane pilots is a honey.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 12, 1956

Mr. Arthur S. Miller
School of Law
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Mr. Miller:

Some weeks ago the Southern Regional Council undertook to get together at some convenient point in the South the various grantees of the Fund for the Republic who had an interest in Southern matters. Here is a list of most of them.

I got word a few days back that David Freeman and Frank Loescher from the Fund for the Republic would be available for a meeting October 24-25. We set Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, as the place, at Dorothy Hall. We foregather for lunch on October 24th and break up after lunch October 25th.

I was in New York the other day and the people at the Fund for the Republic urged me to follow through on my inclination to ask if you would come over to the meeting.

Dismally, there is no way to pay for the transportation, though you will certainly be able to charge it up to your grant as expenses. And I am satisfied that our lodging and meals at Tuskegee will be without charge to the individuals concerned. So do come if you can.

Part of the purpose of the meeting is to enable poor Loescher to pick up the story of what we are all doing without running ragged to the places where we hang out. And I suppose the rest of the purpose would be to give us all a chance to fit our notions together. We eschew speeches, but if you are far enough along to be able to turn out a compressed one page paper on how the law looks on your subject, that would be of greatest interest to many persons at the meeting.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 12, 1956

Mrs. Alice Spearman
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I will remember about Mr. Suritz. It may be too late to get him into the tiny list of persons likely to be elected November 14th, but after not too long, I think he will end up being asked to be on our Board!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 15, 1956

Mr. Ernest C. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary
St. Paul Urban League
402 First Federal Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I am honored to be your speaker on Tuesday, November 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Ryan Hotel in St. Paul.

We possess a single glossy, which is in temporary use at Morehouse College. We have asked for it back, and shall send it to you the moment we get it which should be soon.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

October 15, 1956

Mr. Howard D. Samuel
Executive Director
The Sidney Hillman Foundation, Inc.
15 Union Square West
New York 3, New York

Dear Howard:

Many thanks for the check for $31.34, but it is the wrong amount! I wrote Will Maslow and said the expenses were $81.34. I daresay the error is due to the illegibility of what I scratched with a pen, but no man alive can get from Atlanta to New York and back for $31.34. As a matter of fact, I had to ride a pair of damning night coaches to make it for as little as I did.

I appreciate the kind remarks. It was a good crowd, and they asked informed and sensible questions.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl: Sidney Hillman Foundation check $31.34

October 15, 1956

Reverend Vincent J. O'Connell
St. Louis Church
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Father Vince:

Mr. Cooper at the St. Paul Urban League has asked me to come to St. Paul to address the Thirty-Third Annual Meeting of the Urban League at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 20th, at the Ryan Hotel. And of course I am coming.

I hope there will be an occasion to have another visit with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

October 15, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
1820 Jefferson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Here, just as it came in, is a copy of Morton Elder's report on his investigations. He is to be here about the middle of the week, at which time I will have the chance to go over it with him.

Meanwhile, if you could find time to read through it before the Tuskegee meeting, perhaps we would have a chance then to discuss it.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

October 15, 1956

Mr. Curtis D. Gillespie
Dean of Students
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

We have mailed you a copy of the film "For Fair Play" which will be on loan to you for ten days beginning Wednesday, October 17th. The film "Commencement" can be obtained from the Presidents Committee on Government Contracts, Washington 25, D.C.

We would appreciate having your comments after the showing of "For Fair Play" as to the type of audience, reaction of audience and other comments about the film.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

October 15, 1956

Mr. Robert W. Brown
Columbus Ledger
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Bob:

I followed your exposé of the "Roosevelt Williams" propaganda with great interest and admiration, and I have also heard about the treatment you gave the spurious Wac pictures.

We have collected a lot of the racist material that is being circulated and have also been gathering general background about the groups that are circulating them. In any case, I would welcome a chance to talk with you about this whole matter and to give you more details on exactly what we have.

I'm to be at a meeting at Tuskegee Institute from mid-day October 24th to mid-day October 25th. Maybe I could stop over briefly in Columbus on my way back, probably the middle of Thursday afternoon. Let me know whether this would be a convenient time for you.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 15, 1956

Mr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Patterson:

My leaving the Council is solely a matter of reaching an age when I had long planned to sop whatever I am doing and launch out on my own. I have barely means enough to live until pensionable at a most modest standard and in some poverty-stricken spot. For which I pick the Western Highlands of Scotland!

But one of my purposes in going over there is to burrow out a pleasant visiting place for anybody who will come to see us. Next time you and Mrs. Patterson are heading out for far parts, please plan a stop in Scotland. I would like to tramp with you across the moors.

'Tis most urgent for Mrs. Tilly's work with the church women to be helped. Out of years of experience, we have found that the women can be persuaded to move mountains if they can be fetched together. The various denominational central bodies have so stripped down the treasuries of local units of church women that they have no means of travelling anywhere farther than across the street. What Mrs. Tilly does is get them together area by area, across all lines of race and faith and denomination. And that gets going a wave big enough to wash a lot in front of it.

The John Hay Whitney people put up a thousand or even two thousand a year for it. I afford, out of SRC's budget, modest amounts for such special meetings. She needs more meetings than she has had means to arrange, and she should have the money to retain one particular lady in each of the more difficult states, with little or no salary, but with an expense account for getting around to see people locally.

It would all add up to fifteen or eighteen thousand a year. No one supposes that the Phelps-Stokes Fund would be likely to find so large a sum. But two, three, or four thousand dollars toward it would help enormously, and at a most critical time.

The truth is that unless the conscience of the South speaks through the church women, the job of opening the schools will be anguished in a way perfectly avoidable.

We in the Council have always been exceedingly careful not to lay ourselves open to the charge that we are trying to lead the forces of organized religion around with rings in their noses. We have found that if you simply bring the ladies together, they figure out what to do; and they are pretty good about doing it! And nobody thinks it is wrong to enable church ladies to work together.

I hope I can be in New York in early December, and if so I will try my luck again on catching you there.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mrs. Tilly

October 15, 1956

Mr. B. Tartt Bell,
Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Bell:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to answer your letter of October 10 in reference to your getting a ride from Atlanta to Tuskegee with some member of the staff on October 24.

Dr. Mitchell and Harold have made commitments to other persons and will not be able to take you down. Fred is away on vacation and will not be back in time to attend the meeting. There is a possibility that you may be able to get a ride back from Tuskegee to Atlanta.

However, there is a daily train which leaves Atlanta at 8:35 A.M. Eastern Standard Time and arrives at Chehaw (nearest station to Tuskegee) at 10:39 A.M. Central Standard Time. Taxi service is available from Chehaw to Tuskegee - a few miles away.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

October 15, 1956

Mr. Nelson C. Jackson
Director
Community Services
National Urban League, Inc.
14 East Forty-Eighth Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Nelson:

Delighted that you will come to Tuskegee. I have seen Harry Alston and have asked him also. We sent Lester Granger a memo three days or so ago as to program. Get it and comply as best you can, please.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 15, 1956

Miss Anne Foley
National Director
Friendship House
4233 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Anne:

I have concluded out of a good deal of looking around that the thing which now will do the most good is for smallish groups of representative white and Negro persons in each community to meet together quite a number of times and cast up the exact local facts about the school system. Out of such facts, and the acquaintanceships -- not to say beginning friendships -- working within the meetings, a plan of compliance with the Supreme Court's decision will pop up. This world being what it is, it takes only about twenty minutes for word of the pop-up to get all around town. And chances are that when and if the matter come to a court decision, the judge will order into effect the plan that appeared in the meetings!

America is a voluntary society. Here is a problem requiring, in my judgement, for its solution different paces of achievement. Some communities at once and some after further but willing postponement. The law is an instrument of crushing uniformity. Agreement is an instrument delicately adjustable to the exact local situation.

Another never stated oddity about such meetings is that people get together through their speciality interests. One lady white will find that she is particularly interested in low level drinking fountains. Also it will appear that there is a Negro lady interested in the same thing. Thereafter peace reigns in that community on the subject of low level drinking fountains. If there is ever a question in the Negro community, everybody understands that Mrs. Wesson is the one. Mrs. Wesson calls her friend Mrs. Jackson and the school board does what is correct.

I need not belabor the point that from such friendly contacts the solution of the whole problem trots along.

As you well understand, work in these Southerns gets nowhere for letters, for pamphlets, for telephone calls, for any normal and cheap means of communication. Nothing happens until Susie sits down with Sadie, where Sadie lives. Sadie presses all the potential weak spots in Susie's argument and if, and only if, Sadie is convinced that Susie is on the level and is discreet will Sadie do something. Which is why you are right to send a team around to community after community.

I trespass now upon a delicate question. It does not seem to me wise for Catholic people to be the only ones conspicuously out in front in attempting solutions of this kind. I think that others ought to be present in their due numbers in the activity of the general community toward solving these matters. Tougher I know. And there should be no inconsiderable latitude to any church group to follow its religious teachings to the end. Still I think there is good reason for tolerable effort to be made to bring other people along with.

I hope that all of the principal agencies that work in this field will put their forces into getting such meetings to occur locally. I never go to one of these upper-crust coordinating meetings but what I beg for this. Father Shean at Rock Hill is as wise a man as I know, and I am satisfied he is in agreement that such meetings are the beginning of solution.

Another thing to be said about the local groups. American towns are touchy about their right of independent action. They will take a lot from some other town, but they won't take a statement that their own town hasn't got the right to do what they think is best. That is a helpful thing! Almost any town can see that it would be smart, just by itself, to obey the law. And in doing so to draw out the full and hitherto withheld cooperation of the Negro portion of the community. If you can get the town leaders to be saying that they don't care what sister city says; they are doing what they think is right, you have won.

Latest revision of our little bulletin enclosed.

I trust and cherish what you will be doing.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

P. S. An important point has been left out. It isn't enough just to get some locals of two colors together. In a great many communities the Negro local person will be timid and ineffective. Take a leaf out of trade unionism! Enable the Negro portion of such a gathering to be buttressed by an imported person. He can be a social scientist from some college, or a priest, or a sister who understands. The poorest of working men will fight like tigers for the right to be represented in bargaining by somebody from outside. If we say that white and Negro from every town will get together and decide, this is an unfair bludgeoning weapon of agression upon the timorous Negro community. So get together, but get together with an atmosphere of equality of bargaining power!

October 15, 1956

Mrs. Morris Brown
201 Sunset Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Brown:

New South could probably be put together for three or four years back. Beyond that there are so many gaps that it is useless to try. I should think Mrs. Alexander would be willing to fetch you up past volumes for $1.50 a volume -- as far back as she can reasonably contrive to get. If you would like one, two, or three such back volumes, so so and she will get busy.

Fred Routh is our expert on visual things for organizations. He says for films and displays be in touch with the Richmond office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. They are on East Franklin Street I think. The National Conference of Christians and Jews has a lot of films also.

About a year ago the Southern Regional Council organized under an able fellow named John Hope a string of most competent consultants in this field. Some are white and some are Negro. Mostly social science people at leading institutions Southwards. We have been using them variously to go around and spray what they know on our state organizations' boards and staffs. Now they are ready to be used with citizen groups. The Head man is John Hope II, and he may be reached at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

I expect John could be persuaded to supply your Charlottesville group with a couple of consultants with little or no charge to Charlottesville.

The best movie coming up is a do of the TV program that the man Carmichael at Louisville was in ten days or so ago. We have a print of it. I never saw the program or the film, but I hear that it is a honey. Somebody baiting Carmichael asked him were it not the case that such a city as Richmond just couldn't do it. Carmichael: "The trouble with Richmond was leadership that failed the city."

There is also the movie that we could get you about how the job was done in St. Louis. I have seen that movie and it ended weakly in the version I saw. But I heard that they are going to straighten it out.

As you move ahead with the organization, let me know if we can help you some more.

Every success.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

cc: Mr. John H. Marion
RHA

October 16, 1956

Miss Evelyn Honeywell
Assistant to the Editor
World Call
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Miss Honeywell:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 15, 1956 with permission to reprint the article in World Call by the Reverend C. S. Cartwright. The article will appear in the October issue of New South.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor
New South

JC:mbo

MR. TOM MBOYA
September 20-October 1, 1956
Sponsor: American Committee on Africa, Inc.

SATURDAY		
September 29	11:04 p.m.	Arriving Atlanta. DAL Fl 431 from Chicago
SUNDAY		
September 30	9:00	Morehouse College (Chapel Service)
MONDAY		
October 1	8:00	Spelman College (Chapel)
	9:00	Morehouse College(Chapel)
	10:00	Morris Brown
	12:30	Luncheon with Morehouse Student Leaders
	1:45-3:45p.m.	GSM's class
	6:05	Leaving Atlanta DAL 724

PREPARATORY TO TUSKEGEE MEETING
October 24-25, 1956

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Southern Regional Council entered, as of October 1st, its third year of assistance from the Fund for the Republic. The main emphasis during this grant period has been on the development of integrated, professionally staffed organizations in each of the twelve Southern states. In addition, the Council has carried on certain program activities through its regional staff. Following is a brief run-down on the main activities of the Council and where they stand today.

1. State Organizations

SRC has placed considerable emphasis upon the development of strong, staffed organizations in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Integrated lay Boards of Directors plan program, raise (some) funds, and guide the work of professional staff. In Arkansas, Kentucky, and Texas these state affiliates of the Council have had a direct part in bringing about desegregation. There, and also in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, it has been possible to work directly with either state or local school authorities. Several of the state organizations have created local chapters or affiliates in various communities. The work in the hard-core states of Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, South Carolina, and Mississippi has been to a considerable extent a holding action, with SRC affiliates serving as a channel of communications between the racial groups. Most of the state organizations, in spite of the difficulties of the times in the South, continue to grow in membership, in fund-raising abilities, and

in productive program activities.

2. Women's Work

Under the direction of Mrs. M. E. Tilly, this effort has brought together Southern church women of the several faiths and denominations for the sharing of ideas and convictions and joint planning in the field of race relations. Such meetings have been held on both region-wide and state-wide bases and have confirmed our belief that the women of the South -- most particularly the church women -- continue to play a unique part in giving vitality to the conscience of the region. On October 30-31 more than 100 leaders in church women's work over the region will convene in Atlanta. The object will be to arm this key leadership with resolution and specific ideas that they may translate into action in their states and communities.

3. Clearinghouse

Since the Council has a full-time concern with Southern race relations and extensive informational resources, it has been able to assist and advise many other agencies that have a subsidiary concern with these matters. We suppose that in the period just ahead the Council will be called upon with increasing frequency for information and advice to religious, labor, civic, and professional organizations carrying on programs in the South. Closely related to this function is that of supplying knowledgeable speakers and resource people for conferences, workshops, and the like.

4. Information

The Council has one professional staff member charged with the responsibility of maintaining reference files based on newspaper clippings, first-hand reports, and other materials that document

current developments in Southern race relations. In the course of a year, we service some hundreds of mail requests for information, as well as requests made in person by a variety of visitors to the Council's offices. We are particularly called upon for both facts and interpretation by journalists, Southern and non-Southern. As a further medium of disseminating facts the Council publishes a monthly bulletin New South and special pamphlets. These publications aim to supply general informational background and specific program material for persons interested or active in the race relations field.

5. Fact-Finding

For the past several months, the Council has carried on a special fact-finding program. Its purpose is to assemble and disseminate those facts that will assist in diagnosing the ills of the region and devising effective action programs. The first completed project was a survey of specific instances of desegregation since the Supreme Court decision of May 1954; the findings are about to be published, along with those of a similar survey of the non-South, by the Fund for the Republic. A second project is a state-by-state survey of the status of Negro voters in the twelve Southern states; the findings are almost all in, and a region-wide report will be released by the Southern Regional Council within a few months. A third study, also nearing completion, is a detailed analysis of Southern industrialization in the last ten years and its implications for racial developments. Additional field studies deal with the growth of pro-segregation movements in the South and race relations within the trade unions. In the coming period, the Council's information staff will be heavily concerned with the reporting and interpretation of these and other findings

through newspapers, magazines, television, and through appropriate organizational channels.

6. Consultant Services

Under the direction of Mr. John Hope II, the Council has assembled a team of able social scientists experienced in action programs. The skills and insights of these consultants have been made available to the state groups affiliated with the Council and have greatly assisted these affiliates in planning sound organizational and program activities. We now contemplate broadening this consultative function and making it available to interested private agencies and public bodies, such as school boards, which are concerned with desegregation and related processes.

October 10, 1956

October 16, 1956

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
AFL-CIO Region VIII Director
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N. E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

We will reserve a double room for you and Mrs. Christopher at Williamsburg beginning on the afternoon of November 14.

We shall look forward to seeing both of you in Williamsburg.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

October 16, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to write to you in reference to transportation from the Atlanta air port to Tuskegee in the morning of October 24, 1956.

Harold Fleming will meet you at the airport at 10:17 A.M. on the 24th. From there you will motor with him and Frank Loescher over to Tuskegee. The drive takes about three hours and will put you in Tuskegee about 12:30 P.M. Central Standard Time. The meeting in Tuskegee is scheduled to start after lunch.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

October 16, 1956

HCF:

Ben Segal called from Washington. He is making up his budget of proposals to the Fund for the Republic for the coming year -- which he says is the calendar year beginning January 1st.

It is an idea which originates solely with Segal, for Segal to ask for money to enable SRC to keep a trade union man around and in the field for next calendar year.

Mitchell told Segal Mitchell would like the idea, but as Fleming would be in charge next year, Mitchell would communicate with Segal as soon as Mitchell had had opportunity to consult further.

Fleming is now being consulted. What says Fleming?

eab/

October 16, 1956

AIR MAIL

Very Reverend M.V. Shean
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

Your hotel reservation is at the Piedmont Hotel. I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know as quickly as possible how many women you have found for us for the meeting from the Catholic Church, as reservations must be had for them also.

Is it possible for you to have your worship service mimeographed, ready for distribution before workshop, October 30?

This letter is full of requests for you, and I know you are busy, but I do need the list of women and the worship service if possible.

I am more than delighted that you are to be with us. I was in Dr. Malcolm Calhoun's office last week, and he spoke kindly of you. Dr. A. C. Miller of Nashville phoned me for your address.

I am really looking forward to this great fellowship.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 16, 1956

Mr. Maldwyn Edwards
School of Theology
Emory University
Emory University, Ga.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

I thought your paper was quite good. Sound, well judged, and helpful, without being likely to wound.

A nice young lady hereabouts typed it up. Was puzzled at some eight points as to handwriting, but not more!

You are close to the Mitchell's house. Do please come back to see us.

I changed a few words as you will see.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:fc
Encl.

October 16, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Robert L. Kirkpatrick
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

I will be glad to have Mr. Hans-Joachim Netzer, about whom you kindly wrote me October 13th. As soon as you let me know when he comes in on the plane, I will arrange to go to the airport and meet him. And, as I said, he will be most welcome at my home.

I think I can arrange for him to spend some time with an opposite number, who is a radio broadcaster hereabouts, and I have arranged for him to spend the Sunday, October 21st, in the company of Mr. William Gordon, who is Editor of the Atlanta unique Negro daily paper. I am puzzled as to how to arrange an interview with political figures for him. We are plagued with such nasty political figures that I hesitate to let any reasonable man have access to them. But I shall work it out in some way.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated October 15, 1956

October 16, 1956

Mr. Robert Hughes
Apartment E
2921 Nineteenth Street, S.
Homewood, Alabama

Dear Bob:

The business about the Mobile unit is rather frightening. Appreciate your letting me know.

I have sent around another circular on the strength of it.

The trouble is that people get in these jams because zeal challenges them to exceed what is possible. Also, I sometimes suspicion that other more knowledgeable people aware of the forbidden character of political activity push on to us, as novices, things that they, the sophisticates, well know can't be done!

What you will have to do is double and treble your precautions with all your people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 16, 1956

Mrs. William Thomas Mason
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Mason:

I do declare there ought to be some way for your conference to find the funds to move me from the Williamsburg area to Washington and back one hundred miles South on Friday, November 16th!

I have been mighty firm about the rule that I don't go around making speeches unless people find the freight.

So to be consistent, I will have to back out of the show November 16th unless somebody can find the few dollars involved.

I hate this because I like what you and your group do, and think it of greatest importance.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 16, 1956

The Honorable Ben Fortson
Secretary of State of Georgia
Georgia State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Fortson:

You are most kind to be willing to give some time, in the course of Monday morning, October 22nd, beginning at 10:00 a.m. to Mr. Netzer. Here is a run-down on him. He will have spent some time on October 20th with broadcasting people, and on October 21st with people knowledgeable in race relations.

If you will give some care to his political education that will be a real service.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 16, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I notice the Executive Council meets again January 7th and 8th.

I will still be hooked with the teaching deal each Monday, so the best I can do is be up there breakfast time January 8th, and that I will do.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

10/16/56

RHA:

I should think Mrs. Stroud's money ought to go for Mrs. Tilly's purposes.

eab/

October 16, 1956

Mrs. Tommie B. Stroud
2524 Old Oaks Drive
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

When so many good people pull at you so many ways, it is particularly generous of you to be so very helpful to the Southern Regional Council!

I will look forward to seeing you at Mrs Tilly's meeting, and then or at Williamsburg in November we must sit down and catch up.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $100

P.S. You brought down two birds with that rock! Your most helpful contribution will go to what Mrs. Tilly does.

October 16, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

I had a letter from a Florida mother whose children were at the Koinonia Camp last summer. About other things, but she said:

> "My own two daughters, who attended an interracial camp (Camp Koinonia at Highlander) last summer make more progress during the course of an afternoon of play than we adults make in month's of talking and planning. I overhear their conversations with their playmates; simple direct, and irrefutable statements that set their friends to thinking; that send their friends scurrying home to re-open discussions with their parents."

Thought you would be pleased. I shouldn't quote it were I you, but keep it to build your own pride.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 16, 1956

Mrs. Grace Towns Hamilton
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Grace:

I had a letter from a nice lady, Mrs. Bill King, otherwise Mabel W. King, in Orlando, Florida. "If you have an opportunity to see Mrs. Grace Townes Hamilton, please remember me to her. I knew her some 15 years ago in the YWCA."

You made a convert out of Mrs. King, and she is doing many goog things.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 16, 1956

Mrs. Bill King
1416 Pinehurst
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. King:

We are most grateful for the check which concludes the whole matter with profit to all. Quite right to do what you did with the tiny surplus of pamphlets.

I am so glad you went ahead with the local meeting. That's the right way to make things move.

I am inexpert on the question of materials for the teen-agers, but Fred Routh is knowledgeable in that matter, and I am asking him to write you when he comes back from a quickie vacation in Canada.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: FBR

10/16/56

FBR:

Here's a letter from Mrs. King in your state. I was incompehent to answer the last part of page 2.

Can't you write her and tell her what there is. The part with the penciled line around it I had copied and sent to Myles for his private joy.

Encls.
GSM/eab

October 17, 1956

Mr. J. Q. Mahaffey, Editor
The Texarkana Gazette
315-317 Pine Street
Texarkana, U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Mahaffey:

I learn from Paul Simmons of AP here that you would like information about the Southern Regional Council.

To supplement what Paul will be writing you, I'm enclosing several items on the Council's background and activities.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director, Information

October 17, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Kenneth F. Holbert
2531 Forrest Avenue
Dallas 15, Texas

Dear Mr. Holbert:

I called you this morning to attempt to work out suitable answer to the letter you wrote October 15th. Got the box. Waited for you to come back in those "few minutes" and decided I had better move independently. Seems to me the right thing for me to do is not to come to Dallas at all this run.

Situation complicated by the fact that I had written Kloppe October 10th that I could be in Dallas the night of October 25th, and for Kloppe to quicko let me know if that suited. Whereupon Kloppe went to St. Louis and is there incommunicado.

So the answer is I am just not coming. Glad to come later if it is agreed that I should.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 17, 1956

AIR MAIL

Texas State Hotel
Rusk and Fannin Streets
Houston, Texas

Gentlemen:

Please be good enough to save a single room and bath for me the nights of October 25 and 26. Shall be arriving at airport at 7:20 p.m., October 25th, so can hardly be at the hotel before 9:00 p.m.

Very truly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 17, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I shall be coming in at the airport at Houston the evening of Thursday, October 25, and have written the Texas State Hotel with the request that they save me a room.

I'll call your office a few minutes after opening-time on the 26th, and be at your service all that Friday and Saturday. Am presently booked to leave Houston headed for Atlanta at 10:00 p.m., Saturday night.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 17, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Here's a letter I wrote to Holbert, and a copy of his incoming to me.

I called your office this morning and did my best to get in touch with you, but you are off in Webster Grove with no telephone number left behind.

And I had written you October 10th and said please let me know what to do.

Best I could do was back out of Dallas entirely, and I did.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

Mailed to: 450 East Lockwood Street
Webster Grove 19, Missouri

October 17, 1956

Mrs. Justine Wise Polier
Acting Chairman
Commission on Community Interrelations
American Jewish Congress
Fifteen East Eighty-Fourth Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mrs. Polier:

I feel some uneasiness over spots, particularly on pages four and five, in the account of the New York conference of July 12, 1956, which you so kindly sent me October 2nd.

I have difficulty in putting my finger on this or that couplet of words of what I am reported as having said, which couplet would be erroneous. But it seems to me the account of my few remarks is rather more condemnatory and alarming that I think I was.

I don't really think that Jewish participation in the struggle for integration has been "skimpy." It has been spotty, but everywhere in the South one feels the predominant pressure of the Jewish community for compliance with the Supreme Court's decision. This or that individual may be palpably timid. But as a community, it seems to me Jewish people have been pretty generally on the right side.

I would like to record with you my disagreement with the word "skimpy" (though 'tis one of my words, and I daresay I used it, but I think it has been got a little out of my context). And at the end of my remarks at the top of page five, the first half of the sentence seems to me all right. I worry about "adding that 'when the chips are down there will be bloodshed.'" What I really think is that here and there over the South, as integration proceeds, there will be incidents and occasional outbursts of violence. But I don't expect it at all to be pervasive, and I don't agree in the least that integration will only occur with and after "bloodshed." I guess I was trying to get across that when angry people are out in front, their anger against Jews will be in evidence.

I will be quite content if this letter is merely filed with the National Advisory Committee's Minute Book. No need now to backtrack and attempt alteration of what has gone out.

I praise what the group is in favor of, and continue to stand with you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 17, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
Board of Christian Education of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

Along toward the end of the Tuskegee meeting somebody ought to present a well thought-out summary of what occurred, including all unanswered questions and next steps.

I think most summarizers at meetings are flubs. I trust you to do a helpful and sufficiently spritely job.

Will you come prepared to be watchful, and toward the end of the morning session, October 25, sum us up and turn us loose for what else we need to do and decide?

Appreciatively, if you will.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

AIR MAIL

Mr. Dieter Schugt
8002 South Reno Court
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Schugt:

Mr. Kloppe wrote me October 9th and asked if I could pull my schedule for a Houston trip around different ways and turn up in Dallas thereabouts on the 25th, or possibly on the 29th. I wrote him that by dreadful strains I can get there the night of the 25th, but to let me know right away.

When I called Kloppe this morning he had gone to Missouri -- back October 27th.

I tried to reach Mr. Holbert and didn't succeed. So I let one of our Dallas Board members, Dr. Hansen, know that I simply would not come to Dallas in the course of this trip.

Sorry if that incommodes something you had commitment from Kloppe on. But the fact is, we just can't match up on the dates.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

CC: Mr. Kenneth Holbert
Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe

October 17, 1956

FBR:

Kenneth Holbert's law office in Dallas has had its telephone number altered from HUnter 4466 to Hamilton 8-4466.

GSM/eab

October 18, 1956

Mr. Bruno F. Guentner
Commercial Attache to the
German Consulate
1410 Fulton National Bank Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Guentner:

Most kind of you to have Mr. Netzer for lunch on Monday, and he will appear at your office at 12:00 noon, October 22nd.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 18, 1956

A I R M A I L

Fred Fuges
Director
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Fred:

Tartt called me with the noble idea that you could be got to come to the Tuskegee meeting October 24-25. We all jumped to get you there. Here is the material that went out to others. I am sure a dreadful wrench for you on tomorrow, Friday, to domply, but how about trying?

Look forward to seeing you Wednesday.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

October 18, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Haas
888 Oakdale Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bea and Leonard:

At the earnest invitation of the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council, the two of you should please try to be at Williamsburg for the meeting of the Board of SRC November 14-15. The Williamsburg Restoration has promised us a pair of taverns on the Duke of Gloucester Street, and we may sort out rooms as we please therein. Meals in the dining room of the Lodge, perhaps a third of a mile away. We hope people will appear in time for lunch at the Lodge on November 14th (no special foregathering -- find a table as people please). The meeting should begin at about 2:00 in the afternoon of the 14th. Another meeting next morning, and after lunch on the 15th we will scatter.

As to transportation.

By rail. You take the Seaboard's Silver Comet (Emory about 6:40 p.m.) to Richmond, and get off in rather the dawnings -- about 5:30 a.m., and wait about disconsolately for the C. and O's train for Williamsburg, which leaves Richmond around 8:00 a.m., and gets into Williamsburg an hour later. Back trip much the same, riding Comet Richmond to Emory.

By car. About 600 miles, each way. Make for East North-Central North Carolina, then push up to Surry Court House, Virginia, whence frequent ferries to Jamestown Island, when eight miles to Williamsburg.

By plane. Best deal is to take EAL Flight 582, 8:00 a.m., November 14th from the Atlanta airport, arriving at Richmond airport 11:39 a.m. Richmond's airport is a leg on the way to Williamsburg. SRC will probably have a couple of cars at the Richmond airport, for the load down to Williamsburg, and people ought to have been fetched to Williamsburg by 1:00 -- time for lunch. Richmond to Williamsburg is hardly fifty miles. The back run November 15th, (if you should come straight back), easiest by EAL Flight 565 from the Richmond airport at 2:53 p.m., reaching Atlanta airport at 6:33 p.m.

By all precedent, headquarters should be in Brick House Tavern on the Duke of Gloucester Street. When you have decided the best way to go, if you want us to get the tickets and deliver them to you, we would be glad to.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 18, 1956

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Assistant Director of Education
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

I called your office and left word that I'm not coming to Washington November 16 and 17 (the people wouldn't pay the freight). So a meeting then is out. But I am coming to New York and therefore to Washington early in December, and shall let you know well ahead of time, just when.

Antioch's a good 'un.

Ben and SRC agree

Have no bits and pieces about labor schools, except the attached.

Didn't read Reporter article.

Best,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

At a labor school for people from the Southwest, in the summer of 1955, after a couple of days of class-room lecture by the instructor on the matter of civil rights and public school desegregation, the boys had an evening talk-fest. One guy was particularly hard-bitten in not liking the school decision. Others laid it on about the right-to-work laws. At eleven at night the hard-bitten man said, "I see it. The same _____ _____ _____ ___ _____ that put these right-to-work laws on us are the ones that say our kids and colored kids can't be in the same schools."

October 18, 1956

GSA:

Tartt Bell said he, Bell, would be catching a 6:00 Northbound plane out of Atlanta, October 25th, and would be hoping for a ride from Tuskegee to Atlanta.

Did not say that Fuges would be doing the same, but I would suppose that Fuges is likely to be.

Mitchell has made a queer arrangement. He has to go on West from Tuskegee to Houston. Being chinchy, he uses the Westward distance as far as Tuskegee and goes over to Montgomery to take Delta's Westbound Flight at 3:15 p.m., out of Montgomery -- at 2:30 p.m., CST. If worse comes to worse, I can get Alice Mitchell to drive me from Tuskegee to Montgomery airport in time to catch that plane. She to plod along homeward to Atlanta. But if you know of other quite manageable transportation for Mitchell from Tuskegee to Montgomery surely in time to make that plane, Mitchell would appreciate such a ride.

EAB/

October 18, 1956

Mrs. Thomas L. Puryear
P. O. Box 487
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Puryear:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letter of October 16th.

We are very happy that you plan to attend the Tuskegee meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin after lunch on Wednesday, October 24.

If you caught the Silver Comet (Seaboard) out of Petersburg on Tuesday night you would arrive in Atlanta around 7:00 A.M. The train for Chehaw (Atlanta West Point Route) leaves Atlanta around 8:35 A. M. and arrives in Chehaw around 10:39 A.M. Taxi service is available from Chehaw to Tuskegee. This would give you plenty of time to make the meeting.

We will make the necessary arrangements for housing at Dorothy Hall on the Tuskegee campus.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

October 18, 1956

Mr. Maurice B. Fagan
Fellowship Commission Building
260 South 15 Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to Mr. Routh.

Mr. Routh will be out of the office until the 29th of this month. You may expect to hear from him immediately on his return.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA/bsc

October 18, 1956

Reverend Kring Allen
3616 Olympiad Avenue
Los Angeles 43, California

Dear Reverend Allen:

Mr. Routh is out of the office for two weeks, and considering the nature of your inquiry, we thought it best to at least partially take care of the matter.

In answer to your questions:

(1) Those Southern states where there is considerable desegregation following the 1954 Supreme Court decision are: District of Columbia, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, and Texas. These latter two states are much less desegregated, however, than are the others. Delaware, also, has begun to desegregate to some degree.

(2) No doubt for the hard-core states, Mr. Routh would mention Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, and South Carolina. Concerning desegregation in these states, there has been none in public schools and none in higher education except in Louisiana. Louisiana has an access of 600 Negro students in former White colleges and universities. This condition of segregation in higher education for these states is equally true of public and church schools.

(3) In reference to the work of the churches in this area, we have a religious issue of our magazine, New South, which will come out in several weeks. This will cover your field and we will seethat you get some copies.

(4) Concerning the legal aspects of the question and the court decision, I think any detailed information you desire can best be obtained from, "The Race Relations Law Reporter", Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

(5) No schools in the South were segregated prior to May 1954. The states above listed, answer the current situation to some degree. We have details and statistics, and will supply any information you desire.

(6) We have on record the following ministers who have been forced to resign because of the integration stand. These are: Reverend Ronald Merrix, Episcopalian, Macon, Georgia; Reverend Reese Griffin, Methodist, Macon, Georgia; Reverend Harry N. Wilson, Disciple of Christ, Danville, Virginia; Reverend J. A. Delane, Clairandon County, South Carolina; Reverend Ray C. Delmonte, Methodist, Jackson, Mississippi, Reverend Ed Jones, Baptist, Parkin, Arkansas; Reverend G. Jackson Stafford, Baptist, Batesburg, South Carolina; Reverend Robert Trotmand, Baptist, Terrell County, Georgia; Reverend Marsh Calloway, Presbyterian, Durant, Mississippi; Reverend A. F. Gianvittario, Lutheran, Oak Hill, Alabama. We will be happy to send you the case histories of these individuals if you wish.

Under separate cover, we are sending you two books, The Strange Career of Jim Crow, and, The Negro and the Schools.

No doubt you will hear from Mr. Routh on his return. If we can be of any further help, please feel free to call on us.

Very truly yours,

Paul Anthony
Information Service

Pa/bsc

October 18, 1956

Mrs. Ellen Roberts
Box 213
Bonifay, Florida

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

This is to acknowledge you letter of the 15th. Mr. Routh will be out of the office untill the 29th, after which time I am sure that you may expect his prompt attention to your request.

Sincerely,

J. Paul Anthony

JPA/bsc

Southern Re

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

October 19, 1956

TO: EACH STATE AFFILIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM: GEORGE S. MITCHELL

One further word about this question of tax-exemption and political activity.

I think part of the difficulty that the state directors have in defining political activity is the history so many of you have had of dealing through church bodies. As a matter of practical federal politics, the U. S. Government is unlikely to remove the tax-exemption of a populous religious denomination for minor trespasses. I think myself that churches trade a bit freely upon this latitude. And the latitude is perhaps increased by the stringency of public sentiment in favor of separation of church and state.

We, however, are not populous. And the vultures could and would rejoice to see us lose tax-exemption.

You are just going to have to get your people, even to the remotest local groups, taught to be watchful.

Another comment: I should imagine that the machines which manufacture stick candy are quite different from the machines which manufacture marshmallows. As long as a lay organization uses tax-exempt money, it is needfully and inescapably a marshmallow machine. You mustn't try to make stick candy on a marshmallow machine.

Now quite all right to build a stick candy machine if anyone wants it. The only thing is that all tax-exempt machines are marshmallow machines.

October 19, 1956

Mrs. D. S. Wheatley
Wheatley & Company
Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Wheatley:

In the absence of Mr. Routh, this is to acknowledge your letter of the 17th.

As we understand the current situation, the Mississippi Council has until November 1, 1956 to raise the quota of $3,500. By so doing, the Council may assume aid from us to the extent of the pro-rata share of $7,500. This would cover the three month period from October 1, through December 31, 1956, and would be the amount of $1,875.

Mr. Routh will follow up on this matter and will contact you on his return to the office on the 29th.

Sincerely yours,

J. Paul Anthony

JPA/bsc

October 19, 1956

Mr. H. B. Sissel
The Board of Christial Education, Presbyterian Church
Department of Socail Education and Action
830 Wetherspoon Building
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Mr. Sissel:

In the absence of Mr. Routh, this is to acknowledge you letter of the 15th and the check for $16.28.

Sincerely,

J. Paul Anthony

JPA/bsc

October 19, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

Your letter to Dr. Mitchell concerning your articles for RESEARCH IN ACTION has been passed on to me, and I think that you are on the right track for your publication. Nothing in your summary conflicts with anything I have in mind since it mostly deals with Louisiana.

Incidentally, let me congratulate you on your September issue which I think quite excellent.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor - New South

JC:mbo

October 19, 1956

Mr. R. H. Vining
Montgomery
West Virginia

Dear Mr. Vining:

During the absence of Florence Irving, our Research Assistant, we would like to give you some help on your inquiry of September 17th.

Concerning your question of the percentage of U. S. taxes paid by Negroes, we are not able to give you specific figures and it is doubtful if such figures are available. In relation to wages and salaries however, Negro salaries are some 48% lower on the average than are white salaries. Thus it is logical to expect a reasonable discrepancy in taxes paid out on income or property.

In regard to Negro ownership of taxable property, we can be more specific. While the proportion of ownership for white groups remains higher than for non-whites (U. S. Census classification) the rate of increase has been greater among non-whites. Between 1940-1950 the proportion of urban white ownership increased from 39% to 52% or 1/3 compared to urban non-whites from 20% to 33% or 2/3. We have no comparable figure for Negro farm ownership though this too has experienced a considerable increase.

As to your third item - savings bank deposits of Negroes are increasing. Much of this increase has been with white banking institutions where no breakdown by race is available. However, among Negro Savings and Loan Associations, we do have figures for 1949 and before. As of December 31, 1949 Negro Savings and Loan Associations in the U.S. operating in twelve states had total assets of $16,404,918. They grew 45.27% over the 1948 total. First mortgage loans totaled $14,015,905, constituted 85.42% of all assets and exceeded the previous year's records by a gain of 41.56%. Very probably this increase has been even higher since 1949 and indeed a number of new Negro savings institutions have gone into affect since that time.

Mr. R. H. Vining October 19, 1956

Fortune Magazine of September 1956 carries an excellent article entitled "The Negro's New Economic Life" by Emmett John Hughes. As a matter of general interest you would probably enjoy this article.

We trust this information will be of help to you and we will be happy to have you write us if we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA:mbo

October 19, 1956

Mr. Frank Willard
3223-b Cain's Hill Place, N.W.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Frank:

I signed the agreement with Seal, and sent it in frantic haste forward to Sissel and told him to do his best on it -- or his worst -- and send it back to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 19, 1956

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Assistant Director of Education
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

The young ladies sent up the last six issues of New South as in your letter of October 15th you requested.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 19, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
Board of Christian Education of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

After some weeks of delicacy over this matter, Frank Willard now frantically is eager to get the legal agreement effected.

I don't know why. Our lawyer said this language is O.K.

You do what you want, the bee is on you.

When and if executed by you, you should presumably send it back to Willard.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

(Dictated October 17)
October 19, 1956

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: FBR

FROM: GSM

Mess-up about the business in Dallas. Kloppe wrote me October 9th and said please come to Dallas. Have a ready-made group of friends to our matters program. Need to go to. You, Mitchell are coming to Houston, so strain and come to Dallas.

Mitchell at once wrote Kloppe that Mitchell could be in Dallas the night of October 25th. It will be tough to get there, but would get there. Mitchell instructed Kloppe to answer Mitchell right away so Mitchell could engage planes.

Mitchell waits until October 17th for letter from Kloppe and calls Kloppe's office. Kloppe has gone to Missouri. Expected back October 27. Nobody in Kloppe's office competent to handle his mail. No telephone number for Kloppe in Missouri.

Also, Mitchell received Tuesday of this week a letter from Holbert saying Holbert has had phone call from Dr. Eric Darnell of the Board of the Texas Commission, saying confusion about meetings and Mitchell coming and "whose auspices?"

Mitchell tried to call Holbert who had box, and nothing happens after the box. Mitchell finally called Darnell sight unseen.

And now to the point. Darnell says that the invitation for Mitchell to appear in Dallas October 25th comes out from one Dester Schugt. This man has some reputation as one who hurts rather than helps.

Mitchell sticks by resolution to stay clean away from Dallas until Dallas settles down. Merely wish that all concerned be watchful re the man Schugt. Darnell is by reputation from Holbert trustworthy, professional person, psychiatrist.

cc: HCF

October 19, 1956

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Mr. H. B. Sissel
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Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

October 19, 1956

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League
of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

We hear that the Fund for the Republic is putting out as a movie the television program that Carmichael appeared on. Remarkably good.

We also hear that there is liklihood of the Fund for the Republic reprinting an article Carmichael is said to have done in the New York Times magazine.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 19, 1956

Miss Margaret Garrity
The President's Committee on Government
Contracts
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Margaret:

I'm getting ready for some travelling, and in future years I shall wish to know how a letter can expect to reach you. May I have your Arlington address?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 19, 1956

Mr. Don K. Price
The Ford Foundation
477 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Price:

Hi!

You said they had some sort of office in New York. I figured that meant a telephone. I'm adept at hunting down things Highland in lists, and it was easy to find the outfit. Turned out to be an apartment house, but the doorman brightened when I said "Scotch guy," and told me where. Most pleasant lady, and I'll go back next time I'm there, and meet hon. head person.

Had a good time at the luncheon, and thank you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 19, 1956

Miss Rachel L. Huntington
Secretary to Dr. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Huntington:

You were most kind to write me September 27 that Dr. Patterson wouldn't be in New York when I was to be there. Mrs. Tilly went to see him here, and I have answered his recent letter, so all is as it should be.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 19, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

We have checked with the officials at Tuskegee Institute and they have facilities for showing 35 mm films. We have obtained permission from President Foster of Tuskegee to have the St. Louis film shown on Wednesday night, October 24.

Dr. Mitchell states that he is very pleased that you are bringing the film with you.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

October 19, 1956

Mr. Morton T. Elder
P. O. Box 3821
Fairview Station
Birmingham 8, Ala.

Dear Mort:

When you were here the other day, I forgot completely to attend to the matter of the enclosed check. It suits Ben Segal to handle his part of the expenses of our project this way. Would you endorse the check, payable to the Southern Regional Council and mail it back to me. Many Thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

October 22, 1956

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Saturday and Sunday, January 5th and 6th is fine with me, and I will mark my calendar accordingly.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:fc

October 22, 1956

Mr. Seymour Samet
Southeast Area Director
American Jewish Committee
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Samet:

John Hope of our staff is scheduled to arrive in Montgomery via Eastern Air Lines Flight No. 363 at 1:08 P.M. on Wednesday, October 24. He will be driving a rental car from the air port over to Tuskegee and will be happy to bring you over if you care to wait that long for him. You may ask to have him paged when he arrives at the air port.

If you do not care to wait you may pick up a rental car and drive to Tuskegee which is about 42 miles away, east on U. S. highway 80.

We look forward to seeing you in Tuskegee.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

cc: Hay.

October 22, 1956

Mr. Edward B. Orr
Editorial Writer
The Christian Science Monitor
One Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Orr:

Most kind of you!

The best time for me is November 18, 19, and 20. Please come then if you can.

On the Sunday, November 18th, turn up at my home when you are available in Atlanta. I live at 906 Lullwater Road, N. E. Here's a map. The telephone there, (unlisted, so keep the letter by you), is DEarborn 5961. Welcome for meals and for lodging too if you care. I have a mainly empty house. Two gals off at college.

Harold Fleming is most anxious to see you also, and he will be available then.

If your circumstances change and you have to come November 12th et. seq., still all right, come ahead.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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MR. J. OSCAR LEE
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST
297 FOURTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE FOR YOU AT WALUHAJE APARTMENTS, 239 WESTLAKE AVENUE, N. W. WILL CONTACT YOU ON ARRIVAL IN ATLANTA.

G. S. ALEXANDER
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

AIRMAIL

October 22, 1956

Reprint Editor
The New York Times Magazine Section
229 West 43rd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

On October 5, 1956, we wrote to you concerning the possibility of reprinting an article by Dr. Charles S. Johnson which appeared in your September 23rd issue. Since we have not heard from you, we are wondering if the letter might have gone astray.

We are interested in one of two possibilities: 1) reprinting the article in New South, our monthly magazine or 2) reprinting it as a separate mailing piece.

We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor - New South

JC:mbo
CC: Dr. C. S. Johnson

October 23, 1956

Mrs. Tommie Stroud
2524 Old Oaks Drive
Waco, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stroud:

We are very happy to know that you plan to attend the annual meeting of the Council in Williamsburg on November 14-15, 1956.

We will make reservations for you and your sister to have lodging with our group.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

October 23, 1956

Mr. Solomon Sutker
Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Sol:

Since I wrote you last, I have read your report. I think it will meet all or virtually all of our needs, but I would like to reserve the right to put some further questions to you as we get further into the drafting of our region-wide report.

There are a couple of statements which, as they stand, seem to me possibly questionable. On page 7, numbered item 2, you state, "there is evidence that the high voting performance of some counties sometimes is related to extra-legal or illegal activities etc." This is a pretty strong statement, particularly since it asserts that there is evidence; unless you have such evidence, perhaps we had better water-down the charge a bit. On page 10, you say that "the Negro is encouraged to vote in Asheville and Buncombe counties as they offer a strong bloc of votes that can be used by the local politicians to stay in office". This too is a strong statement which we might be called upon to prove. Has it been proven conclusively or could be so proven?

As to possible article in the Winston-Salem paper, I don't think it is possible to require them to submit their copy to you for approval; newspapers practically never do this. However, Chester Davis, who would do the piece, if any, is a careful reporter. And in any case your responsibility would be limited to your text, and would not extend to the newspaper article piece on it. The availability of your report in mimeograph form would be an advantage in this respect, and I am all for it. I will write you further about that.

Meanwhile, please give me your reactions to these two questions raised above and to the question of the newspaper article.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

October 23, 1956

Mr. James F. Barnes
229 Lexington Cove
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I have been hoping to hear from you in regard to the request made in my letter of October 2nd. It strikes me that it is possible the letter went astray so I am enclosing a copy of it.

I should greatly appreciate hearing from you - I hope favorably.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

October 23, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

Your instinct about the effect of outside opinion is sound. The difficult question is one of method. I doubt seriously that we could get clippings on international press reaction to given instances in Florida. It might well be possible, however, to secure clippings from papers elsewhere in the country. If you want to explore this possibility further, we will see what we can find out about the availability of such clippings.

By all odds, the best method of all is the exposé or threatened exposé in magazines of national circulation. Wherever you can get such leverage, by all means do so.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you on the consultant question about which I called the other day.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 23, 1956

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

Enclosed you will find the resistance groups' MS. I regret that time and pressure has been such that more effort could not be spent on this but I trust it will serve your purpose and be of some value. A particular problem has been to drastically reduce the original information while keeping an accurate balance. By all means feel free to edit, delete, etc., as you see fit. In this regard I think appropriate space has been left for your material. If not you won't hurt my feelings by making such space available.

I believe that as plans now stand, a more detailed report will be made to each state organization. However, if I can do anything else for you, will be more than happy to do so.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA:mbo
Enc.

October 23, 1956

Wellesley College Library
Wellesley 81
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

We have mailed you, under separate cover, a copy of Next Steps In The South. The price of this publication is twenty cents.

Your order No. 7189 referred only to "Report on progress toward solving racial problem." We think that you may be referring to the above mentioned pamphlet which was publicized in the Christian Science Monitor.

Another publication on progress in desegregation lists the number of desegregating facilities since May 17, 1954. A copy of this publication may be obtained from Meridian Press, 130 West 46th Street, New York City.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

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NIGHT LETTER

October 23, 1956

Mr. Maxwell S. Stewart
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East 38th Street
New York 16, N. Y.

You can have draft of integration manuscript middle of next week.

John Constable
Southern Regional Council

October 23, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Matter to consider about Van Wyck.

Evidently he is around at the time SRC Board meets in Williamsburg. May not be heading in the right direction, but is around.

If you think it well to steer him to Williamsburg, by all means get him to come. Most welcome and that a gathering of the top leaders.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 23, 1956

Mr. Tom Ludwig
2227 Whittle Springs Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Tom:

Your Community Looks At Itself

has been out of print for nearly two years. It is still a good thing though. I can send you for nothing four or five copies of the Greenville, South Carolina Survey, and do.

Otherwise, you will just have to make up your own questions, or shape them around some surviving copy of our pamphlet.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Pamphlets under separate cover.

October 23, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

I hope everything is all right and I will be in Houston as arranged. I arrive at the airport at about 7:00 and sleep at the Texas State Hotel, and shall be repairing to Mr. Shaw's office shortly after 9:00 on the morning of Friday, the 26th. Plan to leave Houston on 10:00 p.m. night coach, Saturday, the 27th.

Again no stop in Dallas.

I caught only undertones of what was troubling Dr. Darnell. But there was some suspicion of the "auspices" of the meeting arranged by Mr. Schugt. I don't know what that is, but suggest that you sift it when opportunity presents.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 23, 1956

Mr. Howard D. Samuel
Executive Director
The Sidney Hillman Foundation
13 Union Square West
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Samuel:

We are most grateful for the now perfect check for $81.34. In and in the bank.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 23, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. Arnold Aronson
Secretary
National Community Relations Advisory Council
Nine East Thirty-Eighth Street
Room 801
New York 16, New York

Dear Arnie:

I am O. K. about being Chairman of the committee you wrote me about October 19th.

Also quite true that October 24-25 there will be a meeting that will give a good chance to further coordination in the South.

But I can't come myself to the November 20th meeting, though I send Harold Fleming who will do a mighty good job.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 23, 1956

Rt. Rev. Joseph B. Brunini, V.G.
St. Peter's Catholic Church
123 North West Street
P. O. Box 57
Jackson 5, Mississippi

Dear Msgr. Brunini:

My goodness we hate to miss you at Williamsburg.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

October 23, 1956

Mr. Morris H. Rubin, Editor
Progressive
Madison 3, Wisconsin

Dear Morris:

I'm delighted that the Benjamin Fine piece caught your attention, since I had a meddler's hand in the getting-up of the statement by the eighteen social scientists. When the McGurk piece ran in U. S. News, making a case for inherent inferiority, I got in touch with my SPSSI friends in New York, they assembled a group of top people in New York, with whom I met, and the Fund for the Republic's public relations guy agreed to handle the release statement.

Enclosed is a copy of the release and the full text of the statement, including a list of the signers. I have also asked Joe Lyford at the Fund for the Republic to send you a couple of other relevent things: a report of the findings of one Robert North, who did a scholarly study of all the scientific literature on race and intelligence; and a copy of a statement issued by Catholic social scientists in response to the McGurk article.

The article you want might be handled in one of several different ways. You might want to use, either as is or rewritten, the North report. Or you might want to do a staff written job on the several statements and reports. (I could supply a few more things.) If you want a contributed piece, I suggest that you drop a note to Dr. Martin Deutsch, 465 West End Avenue, New York City, telling him your needs and asking him if he or one of his associates would be willing to take on such an article. Deutsch is one of the prime movers in SPSSI and thoroughly understands our idea of public interpretation of social science data.

You might be interested to know that I think I have sold the idea of a major wire service series on the social sciences and segregation. We are making some headway!

Mr. Morris H. Rubin October 23, 1956

Let me know if I can advise further or help in any way with the development of your good idea.

All best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

October 23, 1956

Mr. John Griffen
Emory University
Georgia

Dear John:

Remember, I am counting on you for the morning of October 31, at the Young Men's Christian Association, 145 Luckie Street, to lead the discussion on the reports brought from the workshop groups.

Thank you so much.

I remain,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 23, 1956

Dr. Willa B. Player
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Player:

The plans for the workshop are well in shape now. We will meet together at first and have information given to us by different people who have information to give us regarding the meaning of the law, the resistance movements, and etc.

At 2:00, we will break up into three workshop groups, and I am asking you to be the chairman of one of the groups. Just what they will face in the workshop will be what we gather from the problem inventory, which will come out of 10-minute buzz-groups that morning.

I am deeply appreciative of the fact that you will be with us, for we need your leadership. I think I told you that you are to be the guest of Dr. Mitchell.

The best of wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 24, 1956

Mr. Martin Deutsch
465 West End Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Marty:

I am a long time writing you about your much appreciated activities and hospitality when I was in New York. But I haven't been idle in the field of our common interest. Two things of current note:

1. I think I have sold the idea of a major wire service series on the social sciences and segregation. I should know within a few days whether it is to be done. If it is, I will want your best advice on what persons in the New York area might best be interviewed - including advice on which ones would be most tolerant of the simplification of their remarks into newspaper language. You will be hearing from me on this soon.

2. Morris Rubin, Editor of The Progressive magazine is considering the idea of an article on race and intelligence. (He was inspired by Benjamin Fine's story on the statement by Klineberg et.al.) He may want to solicit a signed article by some expert in the field. I suggested that, if so, he write you. You might be willing to undertake the piece yourself, or you might want to line up somebody for the job. Either way, I figured you were the key man.

I hope to see you and your nice wife soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

P.S. I haven't forgotten that I was to supply you with an annotated list of southern social scientists. This I will do soon.

October 24, 1956

Mrs. Robert H. Duncan
1021 W. Nokomis Circle
Knoxville 16, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

I regret that I was never where the long distance call could reach me. However, we do have someone to speak on,"Lessons from Clinton," who spent a week in that section.

I also regret very much that you can not be at our workshop, but will send you Gleanings from it, and also a work book that has much information in it.

Sometime, I am sure I will have the privilege of working with you in some of the conferences we have.

I am deeply appreciative of your letter.

With best wishes to you.

I remain,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 24, 1956

Very Reverend M. V. Shean
Clergyman
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

The place of our meeting is the Young Men's Christian Association, 145 Luckie Street. The dates are, October 30 and 31. We will begin our first meeting at 10:00 a.m. the first day, with afternoon and evening sessions following; and begin the second day at 9:00 a.m., ending the entire meeting at lunch.

Your reservation is at the Piedmont Hotel.

We will divide the group in three workshop sections, with all facing the same questions. I am counting on you to be the leader of one of these groups. The work shop questions will be sent to you in a day or so.

Remember, we do not have the list of Catholic women who will come, and we have to make hotel reservations for them also.

Thanking you for everthing, I remain,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 24, 1956

Miss Anna Holden
Department of Social Center
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Anna:

Your letter brought both joy and comfort to me, for we certainly needed you to be at the workwhop of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

On the morning of the 30th, we will put you down for, "Lessons from Clinton". Can you give it to us in 15 minutes, and then have questions?

I hope you will help us put the findings together, as you did before. Your work on them then was really a masterpiece.

Love, thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 24, 1956

Mr. Morris Abram
515 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Abram:

This is to give you further details about the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. The dates are October 30 and 31. The place is the Young Men's Christian Association, 145 Luckie St. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. the first day, with afternoon and evening sessions following. The second day will begin at 9:00 a.m., and end at lunch.

We want you to speak to us the afternoon of the 30th at 2:00 p.m. The subject we have listed for you is: The Meaning of the Law (The Supreme Court Decision). Speak about 15 minutes, and then we will be ready for questions.

We look forward to having you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 24, 1956

Mrs. W. W. Thrasher
10 S.W. 12th Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mrs. Thrasher:

Thank you so much for your considerate letter! While we are certainly not flushed with money for this workshop, you are important enough to come the way that would best suit you. The two nights at a hotel can certainly be cared for, so I suggest that you come by plane on the 29th—if that is the easiest way for you.

This is to say — we want you and need you more than we are thinking of expense!

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 24, 1956

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

I am more than glad that you will be with us October 30 and 31, as neither Mrs. Robinson nor Mrs. Wilson will be here.

We want you to speak on the evening of the 30th. So much of our time will be spent within the "Bounds of the South", that we must bring in the "World Import" of all of it. There will be questions after you speak. Perhaps then, we will have some time in the workshop groups before the evening is over.

Things are shaping up very well, but I do grieve that so far, no officers of the South East Jurisdiction W.S.C.S. will be with us; although most of the Secretaries of Christian Social Relations will be with us.

Love and best wishes.

I remain,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 24, 1956

Miss Ruby Hurley
c/O NAACP
204 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Hurley:

This is to give you further information about the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

We will meet at the Young Men's Christian Association, 145 Luckie Street. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. October 30, with afternoon and evening sessions following; and 9:00 a.m. October 31, ending with lunch.

I want you to speak to us on the morning of the 31st, and I am listing your subject, "An After Story of the Supreme Court Decision".

You know how to lead people along, and I am sure that before you get through, you will have sold the NAACP to all of us.

Thanking you so much.

I remain,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 26, 1956

Mrs. David Staff
3420 Mountain Park Drive
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Staff:

The workshop will break up into three sections, and I am asking you to be the recorder in the group lead by Dr. Willa B. Player.

Enclosed you will find a sheet of information to the recorder.

Your reservation is at the Piedmont.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 26, 1956

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
3054 Oak Forest Drive
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Ratliff:

The group will break up into three sections, and I amasking you to be the observer in the section lead by Dr. Willa B. Player. You may know Dr. Player. She is the new president of Bennett College.

Enclosed you will find a sheet of information to the observer.

Your reservation is at the Piedmont.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

Enclosure

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October 26, 1956

Mrs. George B. Little
1235 Malvern Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Little:

The group will break up into three sections, and I am asking you to be the observer in the workshop lead by Mr. Arthur Levin.

Enclosed you will find a sheet of information to the observer.

Your reservation is at the Piedmont.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 26, 1956

Mrs. James R. Beach
1063 High Street
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Beach:

The group will break up into three sections and I am asking you to be the recorder for the workshop lead by Father Shean.

Enclosed you will find a sheet of information to the recorder.

Your reservation is at the Piedmont.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 26, 1956

Mrs. S. P. Ryan
8440 Penola Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mrs. Ryan:

The group will break up into three sections and I am asking you to be the recorder for the workshop lead by Arthur Levin.

Enclosed you will find a sheet of information to the recorder.

Your reservation is at the Piedmont.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 26, 1956

Mrs. Grace Town Hamilton
Executive Director
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

The group will break up into three sections, and I am asking you to be the observer in the group headed by Father Shean.

Enclosed you will find a sheet of information to the observer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 26, 1956

Mr. Robert Brown
Columbus Ledger
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Bob:

Enjoyed our talk yesterday. In view of the Klan's local emergence, I thought you might want to have this general background on the movement.

I'm also enclosing a copy of the Fund's release on the "integration" book.

More soon. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

October 26, 1956

Mr. Robert Brown
Columbus Ledger
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Bob:

This is letter #2 for the day. Here are our figures on voter registration in those counties where it exceeds the white people of voting age according to the 1950 census. Our researcher checked these counties for population increases since 1950. Although the age breakdown is not available, the increases in total white population were not great enough to account for these large discrepancies. Theoretically, population increases might account for them in Catoosa, Clayton, Coffee, and Walker. (Even there you would have to believe that 100%, or almost 100%, of the voting age whites were actually registered - a rather unlikely circumstance.)

You might be interested in one further generalization. Our researcher computed a median white registration for the whole state at 95%. (The Negro median was 25%.) Then, taking those counties which evidently have probably properly purged their lists, he got a white median of 64%. This gives a pretty good idea of how bad the lists are state-wide.

If one of your reporters takes this story on in a big way, he might want to look at the book "Voter Registration in Georgia", published in 1955 by the Bureau of Public Administration at the University of Georgia. This is a good report on registration procedures and the maintenance of registration lists.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Dr. John H. Fenton
Tulane University
Department of Political Science
New Orleans, La.

CAN YOU SUPPLY ESTIMATED OR ACTUAL STATE TOTAL WHITE VOTERS?

PLEASE WIRE COLLECT.

Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council

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DR. A. C. MILLER
161 EIGHTH AVENUE, NORTH
NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

RESERVATIONS - HEART OF ATLANTA MOTEL, 255 COURTLAND AVENUE N.E.

SINCERELY,
MRS. M. E. TILLY

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Mr, Armand Ball
Northeast Florida Council on Human Relations
307 Baptist Building
Jacksonville, Florida

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HAROLD C. FLEMING
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

October 26, 1956

MEMORANDUM

To: State Executive Directors

From: Harold C. Fleming

We have had a request from an interested agency for names of victims of economic pressure or reprisal. In pulling together such information as we have on file here, it occurs to me that you may know of instances which have not come to our attention. If so, would you send me a summary account of them at your earliest convenience. We would need the name of the victimized individual, the community, and a brief account of the circumstances.

While the prospects are uncertain, it is possible that the report we make could lead to some further program of relief or aid to persons who have been penalized economically for their racial views. Therefore, we are anxious to make the report as complete as possible within a short time - that is, in a matter of a few days. If you have previously reported an instance to us, it is not necessary to do so again; but in other recent cases - even those that have been publicized - don't worry about duplication.

Your prompt help will be much appreciated.

HCF:mbo

October 24, 1956

Mrs. Bernard Facher
1665 Noble Drive
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Facher:

We have not received the list of women from your organization who will attend the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

Our seating capacity is small, and if possible, I will appreciate your giving us the names of the women and the sessions they will attend. If that is not possible, please advise them to tell the registrar at the door that they are from B'nai B'rith.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

October 27, 1956

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

At last I think everything is ready for the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned--Southern Church Women concerned about their South. The women are coming from Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, the Carolinas, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

I am enclosing a copy of the Workbook--they will use the blank pages in it for notes. The main purpose is to find ways together to prepare a town or city for integration of schools. If all the denominational groups--Protestant--Jews and Catholic of both races work at this, the resistant movements will have little sway.

Thanking you for anything you can do for us, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/rha
Enclosures

The Agenda is loose--but it will begin by

Singing together the great hymns in the Workbook at each session.

A Buzz Session of 10 minutes the first morning--to give us a Problem Inventory--for the later Workshop groups.

Dr. A. C. Miller of the Southern Baptist Board will lead us spiritual adventuring in three messages during the two days--that we may find the spiritual strength to meet the great challenge of this hour.

His subjects:

A Story of An Old Garden (Creation Story)
A Visit to the Temple
A Torn Veil

We have two great prepared Worship Services--one by Mrs. Charles S. Johnson and the other by Rabbi Gittlesohn. All of this to give us spiritual strength.

Our speakers are:

Mr. Paul Anthony--on the Resistant Movements
Mr. Morris Abram--on The Meaning of the Law
Miss Ruby Hurley--who will give us the story of the NAACP and Alabama--the aftermath of the Supreme Court Decision
Mr. Ralph McGill--will be with us if not called to ride "A political train".
Miss Anna Holden--will give us "Lessons from Clinton"

Several hours will be spent in workshop groups --

Leaders --

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Mrs. Harry Strauss,
501 Emoriland,
Knoxville, Tenn.

Your reservation is made at the Piedmont Hotel waiting for you.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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Dr. Willa Player,
Bennett College,
Greensboro, N. C.

Deeply disappointed. it is a woman's meeting so will use Grace Hamilton.

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

October 29, 1956

Rev. Colbert S. Cartwright, Pastor
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Rev. Cartwright:

I am enclosing a copy of the memorandum which we sent to members of the Board in regards to the annual meeting. I am also enclosing a postal card for you to fill out giving us the time of your arrival, etc.

The Council will pay your transportation, meal, and lodging expenses to attend this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc
Encl.

October 29, '56

Dear Dr. Weatherford,

Delighted and honored. Send it on.

Sincerely,

G S M

October 29, '56

Dear Father Vince,

If you will take me in I will be delighted. Don't yet know when I arrive, but presumably in the afternoon of the 20th, to make a speech that night, and peel into bed around 11 p.x.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 29, '56

Mr. Ernest Cooper
St. Paul Urban League
St Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Cooper,

When I had the pleasant news that I was to go to your meeting I wrote my friend Fr. Vincent J. O'Connell, at St. Louis Church (506 Cedar St), and told him I hoped the trip would give me a glimpse of him. He most kindly wrote that I should stay at his Rectory. This I jump to accept. So nobody need figure me out a hotel; I'll stay with Father Vince.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell

October 29, '56

Dear Mrs. Polier,

Thanks a lot. Didn'T realize the minutes were your own; but try to be careful of the files!

Quite true about Scotland. Shall be sailing March 8, 1957. I have always wanted to become an Economist, and I quit trying when the New Deal came along. So now I'll get back on the track, and read the groaning shelves of Economics b oks I've collected. And smoke hon. pipe, and sit by hon. Peat Fire: and hope for all my friends to come over and stay in the guest-house next door. Heathery walks, across the moors seventeen miles to the next pub! Do come!

No money, or no income, but I can eat up my little lumps of capital, one lump a year, and make out until I am pensionable. If no income, no tax, which helps.

Hate to leave, but SRC will be in the best of hands, and will probably do a better job than ever.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

October 29, '56

Dear Marion,

Right! No speech!

Shall do the list of helper-givers.

Best,

G.

October 29, '56

Dear Mrs. Mason,

Appreciate it, and glad to come.

Shall show at the Willard on the morning of Nov. 16 at 10.28 to be consultant, and will be happy to any (most brief) speechmaking needed at the luncheon that day. Then I'm outbound for Lynchburg, on family matters!

Twont cost much.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

October 29, 1956

Mr. Charles Shaw
Watchtower Life Insurance Co.
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Nobody could ever have been kinder, and more helpful. The nice thing was to see the esteem and respect which your career had established for you in that great city.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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October 29, 1956

Miss Anna Holden
Dept. Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Reservation for you Piedmont Hotel tonight

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

October 30, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 South Forty-Sixth Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

When you see the Van Wycks, please tell them that Alice and I greatly hope that when they come to Atlanta they will stay at the Mitchells' house. Address is 906 Lullwater Road, N. E. (and the telephone number is unlisted, so make them scribble it down -- DEarborn 5961). They can have the whole upstairs where normally Mitchell gals now off to college reside.

I expect to be in the city November 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, but in the afternoon of the 12th Alice and I light out for Williamsburg and Washington, and do not get back until about the 18th. But our absence at the end of the Van Wycks' stay ought make less than no difference, because the Mitchells like for somebody to be living in their house when the Mitchells are gone. They can cook and pile up the dishes!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

October 30, 1956

Mr. Marshall Bragdon
Director
Mayors Friendly Relations Committee
105 City Hall
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Marshall:

Hate to bother you again, but this is a new topic. I went, in a money-raising way, to visit two very nice principal persons at Foley's Department Store in Houston. The officials told me that by agreement with their parent and owning company (which lives in Cincinnati), the seven, eight, or nine local department stores confine their official contributions to causes in their own cities or in their own counties. Understandable, and wise.

Pari passu the outfit in Cincinnati is the one to appeal to for gifts having a more general application. By name it is the Federated Department Stores, living at 707 Race Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. I believe I heard that a Mr. Lazarus, father to a young man high in the hiarchy of Foley's is president of the Federated Department Stores.

Can you be so kind as to peep around the edges of this matter for me and tell me what turns up? I make no faintest request that you ask them for money for me or for anybody else. But I merely want to know who, what, why, when, etc.?

Sincerely,

hierarchy

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

AIRMAIL

October 30, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

As Dave or Frank may have told you, copies of Integration North And South arrived at the Tuskegee meeting in the nick of time. Somebody deserves high marks for the layout; the booklet is handsome enough almost to convince people that it is bedtime reading. Joe Lyford's release was well done too.

We will help in every way we can to move the book. A bountiful supply of promotional circulars will help. I have been wondering also whether it might not make sense for us to stock a goodly supply of books on consignment, so that we can fill small orders directly from this office. If you think well of this idea, how about having Meridian Books send us a thousand copies or so with a consignment invoice.

I have sent a couple copies to friends of mine in the U.S.I.A. Maybe they will buy some copies - who knows?

Enclosed is a copy of the UP story which ran in the Atlanta Constitution. I hope the release got good play elsewhere.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe
Enc.

October 30, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Milton:

I was glad to see your outline for future issues of RESEARCH IN ACTION. You are doing a good job with this publication.

You will have heard from John Constable here. The only thing I may add is the idea of more material dispelling the various myths being put out by the segregationists - as to racial traits, the workability of desegregation and the like. It may be that Father Fichter's efforts have sufficiently saturated your area with this kind of counter-information. But we can't do too much to disseminate authoritative facts on race and intelligence, health, scholastic standards, and so on.

I'm glad to see you are getting articles out of two of our research projects - the voting study and the study of the WCC.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

October 30, 1956

Mr. John W. Alexander
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter. We can handle the Bryson City matter either way you choose. There is no question that having specific names in mind would be an advantage. I doubt, however, whether it would be worth while to try to get a definite commitment out of specific consultants prior to your conferences in Bryson City. The big question is who - or what type of consultant - it would be best to offer. If you will give me your ideas on that we will get busy. Meanwhile, enclosed is a recent general report of our activities which lists the social science consultants we have used up to now.

Greensboro is undoubtedly a place to concentrate, and we would be glad to fit in with whatever type of visitation the local people and you feel would be most fruitful. As Tartt will probably have told you, we discussed at the Tuskegee meeting given communities on which the agencies represented might focus their efforts. Greensboro was one of those mentioned, and the AFSC there was considered the prime mover. All the more reason, therefore, why we should be prepared to act on a cue from you.

I am looking forward also to the outcome of your negotiations with the School Board in Chapel Hill.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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CC: Mr. John Hope II

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October 31, 1956

Dr. Manet Fowler
Parham Place
Albany Post Road
Croton-on-Hudson, New York

CHECK AIRMAILED YOUR ACCOUNT CHASE BANK TODAY

Harold C. Fleming

October 31, 1956

Reverend Kring Allen
3616 Olympiad Drive
Los Angeles 43, California

Dear Rev. Allen:

Thank you for your letter of October 12, which came while I was out of the office. I note, however, that it was rather fully answered by Mr. Anthony, of our Information Service.

There is one other bit of information on the list of Court decision which might be of interest to you. I am sending you a copy, under separate cover, a work book that was used by the United Church Women of the South at a recent meeting here in Atlanta, lead by Mrs. M. E. Tilly of our staff. I think you will find it interesting and helpful.

Thank you for your kind words about my participation in the International Convention in Des Moines.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

October 31, 1956

Mr. Charles E. Reyner
Director of Information
The President's Committee on Government Contracts
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Reyner:

We have received and read with interest the third annual report on Equal Job Opportunity, put out by the President's Committee. We would like to have copies of this report sent to our twelve state organizations on human relations. A list of the state organizations is enclosed.

We who are working in the area of human relations in the Southern states, feel that you are doing a good job, and that your accomplishments contribute to progress toward equal opportunity in areas beyond industries having governmental contracts.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

AIRMAIL

October 31, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

All is arranged: I have a seat on an Eastern flight arriving at 9:42 A.M. Wednesday. This should put me in the city shortly before 11:00, and I will call you as soon as I have checked in the hotel.

I'm glad we will have some time together at the Fund.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
CC: Philadelphia office

October 31, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

SRC would be glad to take a print of the Carmichael broadcast at $75.00.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 31, 1956

Mr. James E. Sells
Southeastern Jurisdiction
Methodist Church
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Sells:

Appreciate invite to dinner with the man Raymond Miller, and will show.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

October 20-23, 1956

Mr. Hans-Joachim Netzer
Deputy Chief, News Department
Bavarian Radio

Saturday October 20 12:30 p.m.	Lunch with Walter and Eliza Paschall, 899 Briarcliff, N. E. Paschall is newscaster for Station WSB of Atlanta, and doubtless is an officer of that broadcasting company.
Afternoon	Mr. Netzer should again be at George Mitchell's home, 906 Lullwater Road, N. E., for further conversation.
Sunday October 21 9:30 a.m.	Mitchell is to produce Netzer at the First Congregational Church, 105 Courtland, N. E. (Courtland and Houston Sts) in Atlanta, and surrender Mr. Netzer into the custody of Mr. William Gordon. William Gordon is Editor of the Atlanta Daily World. Atlanta is unique in having a daily and a Negro newspaper. Gordon has had a distinguished honor in the form of scholarly work at Harvard University. Young fellow, in the current of things, and wise. Mr. Netzer will attend Sunday School and probably church services at the First Congregational Church with Mr. Gordon, and go to Mr. Gordon's home for Sunday dinner. Later that afternoon will be fetched out to George Mitchell's home.
Monday October 22 10:00 a.m.	Mr. Netzer is to visit Honorable Ben W. Fortson, Secretary of State of Georgia at the Georgia State Capitol. Mr. Fortson will be glad to answer questions re Georgia and Southern, and perhaps national, politics for Mr. Netzer. Mr. Netzer would be welcome at any time on the Monday at the office of the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, where Mr. Fleming or George Mitchell, or others, would gladly provide Mr. Netzer with pamphlets on Southern matters, etc.

Monday
October 22 (continued)

1:45 Mitchell will be teaching class at Morehouse College, a component of Atlanta University, a Negro college at 1:45 p.m. in the Chemistry Building, Third Floor of Morehouse College. Class concerns colonial and racial matters, and Mr. Netzer would be welcome for any part of the two-hour session that he might care to be present for.

NOTE: Mr. Netzer during his stay in Atlanta will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Mitchell, 906 Lullwater Road, N. E., Atlanta 7, Georgia, where the telephone number is DEarborn 5961.

October 16, 1956

Mr. Robert L. Kirkpatrick
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

I await news from you as to when the man Netzer arrives in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 1, 1956

Mr. Davisson Dunlap
Barnett National Bank
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Dave:

I was very sorry to hear from Bill Williams that it had been necessary for you to submit your resignation as a member of the Florida Board.

Without going into detail, he explained that it was illness i in the family rather than outside pressure which caused the resignation. I want you to know you have our sympathy and understanding, and the hope for a quick and full recovery.

We know you will continue to share an interest in the work of the Florida Council and in the difficult task it faces.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

November 1, 1956

Mrs. Ellen Roberts
Box 213
Bonifay, Florida

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

Your letter of October 15 came to this office while I was vacationing in Canada.

How nice it was of you to go to visit Mrs. Da Ponte, and to offer her your moral support! I shall certainly contact her and see that some of our friends there reach her too.

I am a bit more optimistic than you about starting desegregation in the remaining Southern states; but feel that the process will be a long one, particularly in what we refer to as the hard-core.

Best regards to you and your daughter.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

November 1, 1956

Mr. Maurice Fagan
Fellowship Commission Building
260 South 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Maury:

Your letter arrived while I was vacationing in Canada.

I believe the opening luncheon will be an interesting one, and certainly I look forward to participating on the panel.

I will get in touch with Ken Clark, and we will work out our part on the program. I personally feel that my own contribution might best be made in relating what Dr. Carmichael and Dr. Jansen say to the Southern scene. Both Ken and I (for we have worked together) feel that desegregation and integration must come in communities and community life as a whole, and we will certainly point up this position.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

November 1, 1956

Mr. John G. Field
Executive Director
Michigan F.E.P.C.
900 Cadillac Square
Detroit, Michigan

Dear John:

Thanks for the effort and for the report thereon. I particularly enjoyed the clipping you sent from the Detroit News. Our Marv apparently is a much more reasonable person when he is speaking in Yankee-land instead of his home bailiwick.

I look forward very much to seeing you at the NAIRO meeting.

Best regards to all my friends there in Michigan.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

November 1, 1956

Reverend H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Ben:

Your letter of October 15 came while I was vacationing in Canada.

Thank you for enclosing the check for $16.28. I see that this has been officially acknowledged.

I am glad that you found the comments in my letter of October 10 helpful. I am always somewhat leery of suggesting such things because conditions vary so much. But, unlike some sociologists who refuse to say anything lest it be improperly applied, I feel it essential that we share such information as we do have.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

November 1, 1956

Mr. Lowell Giffen
2303 Highland Drive
Fountain City, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Giffen:

Thank you for your two recent letters, both of which arrived while I was vacationing in Canada.

The change of date for my scheduled appearance from December 4 to December 5 is entirely acceptable to me.

I note that the program runs an hour and one half. So I would think that perhaps a forty-minute speech and the rest of the time devoted to questions and answers and discussion would be the best foremat. If this is not in keeping with what you had hoped for, just yell, and we will change.

I will gather together some biographical material and get it to you in a day or so.

I will submit a voucher after I return. There is no need for a travel advance, but thanks for the courtesy of offering it.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

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MR. EDWARD B. ORR
EDITORIAL STAFF
THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR
ONE NORWAY STREET
BOSTON 15 MASSACHUSETTS

THAT SINKS ME BECAUSE I AM IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 16 AND DRIVING HOME NOVEMBER 17. BUT FLEMING AND OTHERS HERE IN GOOD ORDER EAGER TO SEE YOU 16 and 17. COME

GEORGE S. MITCHELL
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

November 1, 1956

Publicity Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Sirs:

Recently, we wrote the New York Times Magazine requesting permission to reprint the article by Dr. Charles Johnson and sent a copy of the request to Dr. Johnson. A copy of the Times letter is enclosed for your information.

We are, of course, aware of Dr. Johnson's untimely death and are aware of the tremendous loss to our nation and our region. We do think that it is now especially important that Dr. Johnson's valuable words be circulated as widely as possible.

Since Miss Anna Holden, who is on the staff at Fisk University, informs us that you are distributing copies of the article; we wonder if you might be able to tell us the correct procedure for obtaining full reprint permission of the article.

Our mailing list is now approximately 5,000 and regardless of how the article is reprinted, either in our magazine, New South, or in a separate mailing piece, it would be circulated throughout the Southern region and to many persons in the non-South.

We would appreciate your advice at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor - New South

JC:mbo
Enc.

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

November 1, 1956

Mr. Maxwell S. Stewart, Editor
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Here, at long last, is a draft manuscript on the South and segregation. I am quite dissatisfied with parts of it, particularly the short section on the non-South. Rather than delay the manuscript longer, however, I am sending it to you as is.

Over the long and painful period the last few months, I have developed strong doubts about this attempt to sum up the whole complicated situation in one pamphlet. But I will let you be the judge of whether or not this is the substance of a Public Affairs Pamphlet.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 2, 1956

Mr. Rupert C. Koeninger
Department of Sociology
Sam Houston State Teachers College
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Mr. Koeninger:

When Dr. Mitchell returned from his recent trip to Texas, he asked that I pull together some material here in the office in connection with the Commission on Equal Penalties along with several names of persons connected with the project.

I am mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of the final statistical analysis drawn up from the report, a sample copy of the questionnaire used by investigators, and a report on punishment for rape in Louisiana, a study conducted by Oakley C. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson is one of the persons Dr. Mitchell wanted me to mention to you. He is now in Texas somewhere, but I have been unable to turn up his present address. The last address I can find for him is 3564 Virgil Boulevard, New Orleans 22, Louisiana.

The other person who was consulted in connection with the Commission study is Dr. Jesse Spirer, The University of Miami, Florida.

I do hope this material will be of aid to you; and if we can be of further help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo
Encs.

November 2, 1956

Mrs. Charles Foster
Broswell
Georgia

Dear Mrs. Foster:

I am going to the hospital Sunday to have an operation on my foot. In all probability, I will be able to be with you on the 12th; but in case that I can not, I am mailing you a film strip and the script with it. It might be safest for you to get another speaker.

This trouble has gone on for a long time, and now has come to the point that it is serious. I really regret having to write this letter. I do want so much to come to Broswell.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

November 2, 1956

Dr. A. C. Miller
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

It is difficult to find words to express my thanks to you. You did much for the women, and they have asked for some notes on your three talks. If you could summarize them we would include them in the Gleanings of the conference.

In going through the expense accounts, I did not find yours. I am enclosing a blank for you to fill out and return, and you will receive a check accordingly.

I really am happy over our workshop, and have already begun the planning for the state meetings. I know that the women must have expressed to you their appreciation. They were most enthusiastic.

A heart full of thanks to you. Best wishes to you and to Mrs. Miller.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

November 2, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Mr. Charles Shaw took in some five contributions of $10.00 each in response to his letters. Another man put up $50.00. Mr. Shaw's own life insurance company put up $50.00. Total intake from Mr. Shaw's effort thus far $150. Half of that goes to the Texas Commission on Race Relations.

Here is our check for the $75.00.

It seems to me needless and confusing to involve these separate contributors in membership in the Texas Commission on Race Relations. We, however, will make each of them a subscriber to New South for a year ahead. The increase in your membership in no case would exceed five or six persons, and you receive the money anyway.

I rather expect Mr. Shaw will receive some largish sums from one or two of the other contributors. And when, as, and if, they come in we will share with you 50/50.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: RHA
FBR

November 2, 1956

Mrs. P. L. Miles
55 Hibiscus Drive
Ormond Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Miles:

The answer of both Mr. Parrish and George Mitchell is that if you want either of us for a set date, it will need the payment of travel expenses (nothing more) from Atlanta to Ormond Beach and back to Atlanta.

Mr. Parrish is frequently in Atlanta on SRC business, and I should think it would be manageable with him to persuade him on some intending visit to Atlanta to go on down to serve you. Work it out with Mr. Parrish, whose address is 926 South Sixth Street, Louisville, Kentucky. SRC probably could cover the Louisville-Atlanta-Louisville leg of Mr. Parrish's journey as we would have that in any case. Remote possibility that Parrish or Mitchell, or even in some cases both, may be inspecting around in your neighborhood, in which case on short notice we could tell you that one or the other of us will be around. I expect that if you got hold of Mr. Bill Williams over at the Florida Council on Human Relations, 324 South Beach Street in Daytona Beach, you could persuade him to help you out on some modest fraction of the travel expenses. He has been asking me to come down, but I am so chinchy that I never move unless somebody else pays for it.

Honored by the invitation, and would like to come. And so, I am sure, would Mr. Parrish.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mr. William K. Williams
FHR
RHA
CHP

November 2, 1956

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C.H.:

This lady writ in, and here's what I writ her.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. copy Ltr from Mrs. Miles

After daily file circulation
put in folder re
"Integration North + South."

November 2, 1956

Mr. Roger H. Crook
Meredith College
Department of Religion
Raleigh, North Carolina:

Dear Mr. Crook:

One of us has read carefully your manuscript, and I am well into it. We both like it. But what that will mean about finding a publisher I am not as yet prepared to write.

However, I suggest that some of the statistics as to colleges open to Negro entry (say around page twenty-three) could be brought more nearly up to date by the use of a new pamphlet -- copy of which I separately send you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Under separate cover:
Integration North and South

November 2, 1956

Mr. A. Dudley Ward
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dudley:

Here are the two sets of Minutes which resulted from the meeting at Tuskegee.

I would say that the outstanding conclusion was that it was everybody's business to get in as many places as possible local groups of white and Negro citizens, mainly church people, to work together on the facts about the schools with a view to finding a plan for implementing the Supreme Court's decision.

The next most important thing was doubtless the agreement of the second day for us all to concentrate on four particular towns.

Your Mrs. Harvey was a most able and likeable person, and we are all grateful to you for sending her. She contributed substantially to the occasion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls. "Henderson Pastor's Diary"
"A Shaking Together of the Questions"
"Summary of Actions and Conclusions..."

November 2, 1956

Mr. Edward B. Orr
Editorial Writer
The Christian Science Monitor
One Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Orr:

Many thanks. Got your new wire. Expect you in November 18th. Come early and stay to supper.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 2, 1956

Miss Ruby Hurley
c/o Attorney D. L. Hollowell
859 Hunter Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Hurley:

You were great at the workshop, and I am sure everyone left there with a good understanding of the NAACP and its purposes. You heard the requests for a leaflet on the beginning of NAACP. If you have the leaflet, I could send them with the other things the women wanted.

Best of all, if you could give us a copy of your speech (I know you didn't have it written out though) we would be so glad to mimeograph it and furnish it to the women. Please let me know just what you can do.

Very grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

November 2, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

I now hear that each of the twelve state organizations had, by October 31st, turned up with its $3,500 raised. Even Mississippi.

Exception Tennessee: which has not got properly going this year, but Tennessee is bubbling to cook again.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 2, 1956

Mrs. D. S. Wheatley
P. O. Box 307
Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Wheatley:

Your state organization is to be congratulated for raising the minimum requirement for the past fiscal year.

By so doing, the Mississippi Council has qualified to receive a three months pro-rata share of $7,500; this would amount to $1,875. You will recall that the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council moved to terminate financial support of the Mississippi Council after December 31, 1956.

We have insisted with other state organizations that funds made available by SRC be used for professional staff salaries. The decision of how this money is split among your professional staff rests with your Board or Executive Committee. We would expect to continue to be (for convenience's sake) the source of such salary payments as you direct, for the period from now through December 31, 1956. How you spend funds locally raised of course is entirely up to your own Council.

Please let us hear from you as to what decision is reached by your Council on the expenditure of the allocated funds from SRC.

You have been brave good people in Mississippi, and we offer you every praise. And how nice that your letter said you would keep on as an independent show. You will find all of us as individuals and as the Southern Regional Council anxious to be friends to your Mississippi Council on Human Relations steadily and for good.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc: Mrs. R. S. Lyells
The Rt. Rev. J. B. Brunini
Mr. S. W. Miller

11/2/56

HCF:

At Mrs. Tilly's meeting they wagged aloft the integration pamphlet and promptly sold $4.60 worth at 40¢ per whack. Good sign!

eab/

November 2, 1956

Mr. Morris Mitchell
c/o Mr. Arthur Paul
37 East Seventy-Fifth Street
New York, New York

Dear Morris:

I ~~tried~~ try to assist your too brief visit in Atlanta November 15th.

You see everybody at this SRC will be off at the Board meeting in Williamsburg, November 14-15.

But two goodish brains will be left.

Brain 1. Miss Florence Irving. Negro girl who used to work for the Friends Service Committee in Greensboro. Research Director of the Southern Regional Council. Facts by the myriads magnetically attached to her fingertips.

Brain 2. Mrs. Margaret Price. Newspaper lady married to an A.P. reporter. Good egg herself and her husband is also a good egg. She is doing a compression-of-facts job for SRC.

PLEASE TO OBSERVE: These two ladies will have sandwiches and coffee waiting for you for lunch at SRC headquarters from 12:30 p.m. November 15, forward. Come when you hit town to SRC and eat the vittles. Encumbent on you each to drap a 50¢ for the vittles -- nothing more. Thus you combine vittles and visit.

The young ladies are expecting a total of seven, can share with more, or gorge with fewer.

Best luck.

If you have any requirement for 906 (which you must pass at no great remove on your way out of town), the house is unlikely to be locked, but if locked, back kitchen door key will be under basket on shelf by door.

Welcome!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: c/o Miss Ann Morrissett
1301 33rd Street, N. W.
Washington 7, D. C.

c/o Mr. Pinckney Ezekiel
356 Ashley Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina

November 2, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson
2413 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Robinson:

Nothing could be kinder and more appreciated than your contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $10.00

November 2, 1956

Dr. G. P. A. Forde
618 Prarie Avenue
Houston, Texas

Dear Dr. Forde:

Nothing could be kinder and more appreciated than your contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $10.00

November 2, 1956

Mr. T. P. Turner
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Turner:

Nothing could be kinder and more appreciated than your contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $10.00

November 2, 1956

The Watchtower Life Insurance
Company
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Dear The Watchtower Life Insurance Company:

The Southern Regional Council is lastingly grateful for that large and most helpful contribution.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $50.00

November 2, 1956

Mrs. Ann Robinson
2207 Edmondson Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Nothing could be kinder and more appreciated than your contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $10.00

November 2, 1956

Mr. Palmer Hutcheson, Sr.
Neils Esperson Building
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Hutcheson:

Nothing could be kinder and more appreciated than your contribution to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $50.00

November 2, 1956

The Very Rev. Maurice V. Shean
Box 895
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Father Shean:

You did a great deal for us in the workshop. Words of appreciation sound so lame to tell you how thankful we are.

The women came to me — many of them — asking, if possible, that I get from you the story you gave us of the community organization in Rock Hill, South Carolina. This may make an added burden to your already too full life, but I hope it does not. We do have some notes, but they are not as full as the women want.

I do not find your expense account in with those that were turned in, so I am enclosing a blank for you. Fill it out and send it to us and the check will be coming.

Deeply grateful to you.

I remain,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bsc

November 5, 1956

Mr. Fred Lazarus, Jr.
Federated Department Stores
707 Race Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Lazarus:

One day last week a Mr. Charles Shaw of Houston, Texas, and I called on Mr. Max Levine and Mr. Maurice Lazarus at Foley's, and made bold to ask them for a modest contribution from their store to the Southern Regional Council. Mr. Levine explained the policy on limiting gifts from any individual store to local causes and laid this down as stemming from Federated Department Stores. The policy is wise, and we can only praise it. I concluded that if we in the Southern Regional Council as a Southwide agency desired aid we could approach you.

I should not be at all surprised but what Mr. Levine and Mr. Lazarus in Houston will make some personal contribution themselves. Mr. Charles Shaw is President of the Watchtower Life Insurance Company, with home offices in Houston. This is a Texas-wide business, insuring for the most part Negro residents, risks and outstandingly successful. A long and respected career in Houston has earned for Mr. Shaw noteworthy respect from the business community of that city. Mr. Shaw is also a Board member of our Southern Regional Council; hence his interest.

The Council is a stable, truthful, and non-propagandist body working in the field of race relations in the Southern states. Our Board members are exclusively persons resident in the South. They are perhaps evenly divided between Negro and white membership. We go back in history to the origination of the Old Commission on Interracial Cooperation in 1919 which was democratically transformed into the Southern Regional Council in 1944.

We have had remarkably generous support from various foundations and an occasional business firm, from some few of the trade unions, from most of the churches, and from a large number of interested individual persons. Mr. Edwin Lukas of the American Jewish Committee has worked closely with us and would speak well of us. I have known personally for many years Marshall Bragdon there in your own Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee in Cincinnati.

I send a recent audit of the Council, and a copy of our letter establishing tax-exemption. I ask for no great sum, but we would be extremely appreciative if Federated Department Stores could consider us for a grant on the order of $500.

Thalhimer's in Richmond has helped us occasionally and so have Miller and Rhoads.

A brief history of the Council comes up with this, and separately some copies of various of our recent publications.

Too long to go into how we work. Perhaps somebody will call Marshall Bragdon who knows.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

cc: Mr. Marshall Bragdon

November 5, 1956

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
2921 19th Street
Homewood, Ala.

Dear Bob:

Joseph L. Epps informs us that he wrote to you last week so I suppose you know his decision by now.

Was good to see you last week.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

November 5, 1956

Very Reverend M. V. Shean
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Father Shean:

I am enclosing with this letter two pages of suggested corrections or changes in Kirk's manuscript. Some of them are fairly important, others are little more than corrections from proof reading.

The overall study, I believe, is well done. I note however, that it is slightly skewed to the Catholic point of view. There are a few times when it becomes almost preachy, for example, the section on the South being religion's number one opportunity. There is a tendency to not sufficiently qualify some rather general statements throughout the work. Most of these, I believe, I have noted in the enclosed two pages.

I am interested in what audience you hope to reach with the book. As it now stands it would probably find better reception in the classrooms of Catholic institutions of higher learning than in the secular institutions of the South. With only moderate modification it should receive wider acceptance.

Sorry to have kept it so long. My intentions were better than my actions.

We are returning the manuscript under separate cover.

Best personal regards.

Warmly,

Fred B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mbe
Enc.

cc: Pha

November 5, 1956

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Your letter of October 30th received in this office November 1st re the adoption of the consultant plan reached us after the paycheck in the sum of $172.26, (being gross amount less withholding), had been dispatched to Mr. Holbert to complete the second half of October.

As from November 1st, we will be governed by your letter of October 30, 1956.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 5, 1956

JC:

August 10th I suggested that we concern ourselves about a revision of Understanding Our Neighbors. At that time I set up a tickler to me to remind me to send Lewis Deer free copies when, as, and if a revision came out. How do we stand?

eab/

November 5, 1956

Mrs. Morris S. Young
P. O. Box 992
Anderson, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Young:

We have your letter of November 4 in reference to a double reservation at Williamsburg beginning on Tuesday night, November 13th.

We will be happy to make the reservation for you. When you arrive in Williamsburg you and your party can report directly to the Brick House Tavern.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

November 5, 1956

Mrs. Morris Brown
201 Sunset Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Brown:

This isn't exactly like it but it is close enough.

The people officially in charge of the movie are the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., 830 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania. It ought to be out now in color and sound in a matter of days. I am sure the Presbies will rent it out for a reasonable figure.

They squashed it up into twenty-six and one-half minutes hoping to get it into television half-hours.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Script Mitchell Map Film

November 5, 1956

(Dictated November 1)

Mr. George M. Houser
American Committee on Africa, Inc.
Four West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Houser:

I called Mr. Brazeal. He has been under the weather but is back at his desk. In a briefest while a check will be drawn jointly on behalf of Morehouse College and Spelman College, and the check will go on from Dean Brazeal to you.

Mboya was a good egg, and we all enjoyed him. I particularly benefitted from his kindness in teaching a class of mine about Kenya.

Nice to have a visit to your office; sorry too to catch you away, better luck next time.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 5, 1956

Mr. James H. Tipton
Associate Professor
Willimantic State Teachers College
Willimantic, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Tipton:

Handsome communication today from the State of Connecticut, with a check for $75.00 inside!

We are most grateful to you and to the College, and to the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 5, 1956

Mr. Luther Foster
President
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Foster:

I remember now that I have let the days go by without thanking you and Tuskegee for your hospitality October 24-25 to the group which met there at Dorothy Hall.

As always at Tuskegee we all felt floated by the efficiency and courteousness of the whole staff.

I should not be surprised but what Tuskegee's highest example is in community government.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Dictated by Mr. Mitchell/signed in his absence.

November 5, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
The Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ben:

Here are two copies of the Elder report.

Also enclosed is a copy of the letter transmitting the report to Dave Freeman. I am looking forward to discussing this further with you in New York.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 5, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

Here is a copy of Morton Elder's report, somewhat supplemented and edited.

I am sending copies to Ben Segal, and he and I will work out suitable distribution within the labor leadership, plus such other uses as may seem desirable.

Since Elder put in so much time expediting the Muravchik study, we view the two efforts as complimentary. When Muravchik's findings are all in, we will mesh the two further.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

BCC: Mr. Ben Segal

November 5, 1956

Very Reverend M. V. Shean
P. O. Box 895
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Father Shean:

Here is a copy of Morton Elder's report. I will appreciate your reactions, including any suggestions you may wish to make about the uses of the report.

No hurry, but when you have finished with this I would appreciate your returning it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

Southern Re

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENU

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

November 5, 1956

MEMORANDUM

To: Directors of State Affiliates

From: John Constable

Subject: Film "Desegregation in Baltimore"

The Southern Regional Council has two copies of a film concerning desegregation in the Baltimore, Maryland, schools. The movie tells of the planning involved in the desegregation move, what trouble was encountered, and how this trouble was combatted.

This film is available from the SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N.E., ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Each loan period will be for five days except when the borrower asks for an extension in his original request.

JC:mbo

November 5, 1956

Mr. Marshall Bragdon
Executive Director
The Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee
105 City Hall
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Marshall:

I wrote Mr. Lazarus straightaway. Hope it will do some good. If you have a way to get in any licks, we will be grateful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. cc Ltr to Mr. Lazarus

November 6, 1956

Dean B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dean Brazeal:

Here is a rough outline of general plans for Mr. and Mrs. van Wyk. I would appreciate it if you would give two of the copies to them, and explain that we have deliberately left the schedule flexible. But throughout their stay they will be in the custody of persons, including yourself, who can arrange such entertainment and instruction as they may wish.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.(3)

November 6, 1956

Mr. Reed Sarratt, Editorial Director
Piedmont Publishing Company
Winston Salem, North Carolina

Dear Reed:

Here is a Thermofax copy of Sol Sutker's report. I'll be interested in your reaction and Chester Davis' if you pass it on to him.

Because of the controversy surrounding Negro suffrage at this point, Sol writes me that he would feel more comfortable if he had a chance to look over any major feature treatment based on his report. He doesn't insist on this, of course, but I pass along the sentiment.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe
Enc.

AIRMAIL

November 6, 1956

Miss Ruth Knopf
Fund for the Republic News Film Service
619 West 54th Street
New York, New York

Dear Ruthie:

By hot wire from Hollywood last night, Herb and George asked me to send off to you some background dope on Negro voting in Randolph County, Georgia. Here it is.

Frank Willard called this morning to say that his man was headed for location.

Hear you are going to become a Mrs. Many happy returns.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

November 6, 1956

Mr. Nat R. Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 South Izard
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thanks for the instances of economic pressure you reported. If you learn any more about these or other incidents, we'll appreciate your passing it on.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 6, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thanks for letting me see this. My feeling, however, is that Mr. Shand's manuscript doesn't lend itself to any obvious use. Does that square with your opinion?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 6, 1956

Dr. Manet Fowler
Parham Place
Albany Post Road
Croton-on-Hudson, New York

Dear Dr. Fowler:

Many thanks for supplying so promptly the information we needed last week.

I am looking forward to seeing the rest of your very interesting report.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 6, 1956

Mr. Solomon Sutker
Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Sol:

Thanks for the further information on the questions I raised. My only concern was not with the accuracy of the two statements, but the public relations situation if somebody made an issue of them.

I will send a copy of your report to Reed Sarratt with a letter expressing your feelings about the desirability of reviewing any article that may result.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

AIRMAIL

November 6, 1956

Mr. Henry Lee Moon, Director,
Public Relations
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Henry:

Here are several copies of our release on Negro registration in the South. I think the Times story followed the release pretty closely.

This merely represents such overall figures as we were able to skim off the various state reports we have received. We are working on a much more detailed analysis which will give (I hope) a much clearer understanding of the status of Negro voters today. You can be sure that when the full analysis is completed, you will be one of the first to receive it.

Unfortunately, we weren't able to get very much that bears on the question of civil rights violations. In Mississippi we weren't able to get any appreciable findings at all. But I think that the general results of our survey will help a good deal to up-date what is known about registration and, to some extent, discrimination.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.(3)

November 6, 1956

Miss Katharine Taylor
Consultant to the Board of
The New World Foundation
41 Hawthorn Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Miss Taylor:

We should be very happy to have a visit from you. If you can let us know in advance, we could suggest one or two other places where local activity would be of interest.

Meanwhile, I am enclosing a few items describing our work. However, there's no real substitute for first-hand conversation. We'll look forward to hearing from you further.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.
Short History SRC
SRC leaflet
Tuskegee Memo on SRC activities
September & October issues New South

November 6, 1956

Reverend Fred T. Laughon, Jr.
First Baptist Church of Orangeburg
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Laughon:

The Rev. G. Jackson Stafford has written confidentially Dr. George Mitchell, our director, of your difficult situation.

We are all too familiar with the grievous price that men of principle may be called on to pay in the South these days, as the case of Mr. Stafford illustrated.

If your circumstances become more pressing, please feel free to call on us for such advice and assistance as we can give.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
CC: Rev. G. Jackson Stafford

November 6, 1956

Mr. Philip H. Coombs
The Fund for the Advancement of Education
655 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Phil:

Your kind words about the integration report were much appreciated.

As you probably know, we were much helped in this project by the files of SERS. I would have made the acknowledgement more emphatic but felt that might be unhelpful.

I was glad to hear that you've worked out an arrangement with Weldon James on the Louisville story. We'll be looking forward to the book.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 6, 1956

Mr. Lewis M. Killian
The Florida State University
Department of Sociology
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Lew:

Many thanks for supplying so promptly the additional data we needed. Enclosed is a copy of the release we issued.

We will be writing you shortly about other points we would like amplified. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 6, 1956

Mr. A. R. Suritz
101 Main Street
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Bob:

Thanks for the several recent items. I read the Commentary article on the WCC's with pleasure.

The board has only a couple of vacancies this time and the nominating committee has already acted on them. For the time being, Father Maurice will have to hold your proxy.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCFrmbo

November 6, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

Our forthcoming issue of New South will deal with race and intelligence and will carry the statement of the 18 Social Scientists in full.

If you wish to use this or other material in the New South issue, of course you are welcome to do so.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 6, 1956

Mrs. O. R. Reuben, Secretary
Sumter Bi-racial Group
Morris College
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Reuben:

This is in reply to your recent letter to Dr. Mitchell.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter written by Dr. Mitchell to the head of the Sumter Citizens Council. This action was taken at Mrs. Spearman's request after we pointed out the unfeasibility of asking Representative Francis E. Walter to write the Citizens Council directly.

I trust this will have a helpful effect on the Sumter situation.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 6, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

Thanks for arranging the consignment shipment of Integration. We will handle as you suggest.

We have made only limited use of the "Henderson Pastor's Diary" - with the Tuskegee group, Mrs. Tilly's conference, and our state affiliates' staffers. I know of no other reprints, though there may be some. It would be excellent for distribution by the various religious groups.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 6, 1956

Mr. Reed Sarratt, Executive Editor
Journal and Sentinel
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dear Reed:

I trust you have received the report on desegregation by now. You were high on the list of those to receive it, but our copies didn't arrive for some days after the newspaper publicity broke.

I haven't forgotten that I was to send you Sol Sutker's report. There were some points I had to clear up with him by mail - and now the problem of reproducing it! But you will have it soon.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 6, 1956

Mr. Joseph Lyford
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Joe:

In case I miss seeing you in New York later this week, a word of explanation about the voting release.

We weren't able to get all the data we needed until the last minute. Since there was no opportunity to clear the release with you, I finally decided it would be safer not to mention the Fund in the release.

The main findings will be turned loose, however, when we've completed the analysis of the state studies and publish our regional report. I will consult you well ahead of time on proper mention of the Fund at that time.

Best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mko
CC: Mr. Frank S. Loescher
w/enc.

November 6, '56

Dear Father Vince,

I didn't quite realize it, but I'm afraid you are in for two nights of hospitality to me. When a man is to speak he owe a duty to be sure to arrive at the spot in time, and with flyplanes the only way to be safe is to be ahead of time.

So what happens is I fly into the St. Paul airport at 10.00 P.M. Monday, November 19. Shall thence get forthwith to thy Rectory, and hoffentlich to bed. Tuesday night is speechmaking night, and thence again (if you will) to the Rectory. And a plane out Wednesday morning about 7.00 or 7.30; no great strain to your household, as you are probably out of bed yourself at 5 A.M.!

Thank you for all these kindnesses. If they have become a burden, say so!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

November 6, 1956

Mr. York Willbern
Department of Political Science
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Willbern:

We will have reservations for you at the Brick House Tavern in Williamsburg beginning the morning of November 14.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

November 6, 1956

Mrs. Frances T. Cahn
Executive Director
National Council of Jewish Women
One West Forty-Seventh Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mrs. Cahn:

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Encl.

November 6, 1956

Mr. Gloster Current
Director of Branches
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
Twenty West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Current:

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November 7, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East Forty-Second Street
New York 17, New York

Dear David:

Though 'tis early, we have begun to plan tentatively for a second gathering a la Tuskegee. It will be remembered that one was promised within three months. Three months ought to be up January 24th. If you, or you and Loescher, would come, which dates as stated here would be workable with you?: Wednesday and Thursday January 16 and 17, or Wednesday and Thursday January 23 and 24?

We feel sure the meeting could be held in Washington or Tuskegee or at St. Helena's Island; we think possibly it could be held at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, or Williamsburg, Virginia.

As before, of course, up to each agency to pay its own travel. But we remember appreciatively the Fund for the Republic's willingness through you to meet the on-the-spot overnight bill. Any preference as to where?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: HCF

November 7, 1956

Mr. Ben Segal
Fund for the Republic
1820 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

We shoot up at you forthwith today 200 copies of Next Steps in the South.

In such batches they cost the purchaser $15 a hundred. Postage on the bundle we guess to be $1.69.

Can you not advantage us with your check for $31.69?

I confess we delightedly welcome the distribution we know you will give the pamphlet but we have to meet a printer's bill too.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mbo

P.S. GSM replies because HCF is in New York 'til Monday.

Southern Re[redacted]

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, [redacted]

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

November 7, 1956

To: Agencies Represented at the Tuskegee meeting, October 24-25

From: George S. Mitchell

One of the things we agreed to undertake was a memorandum listing the various agencies included in our joint coordinating effort. It was understood that in the case of the larger and more complex agencies, several staff members and their specialties might be listed. The object, of course, is to facilitate communication and cooperation among our several agencies.

To this end, please send me as early as possible the following information as you wish it to be listed. I am enclosing what we propose to show for the Southern Regional Council.

Name of Agency
Address
Telephone number
Top staff person
Other staff persons who should be addressed for specific purposes
(Please designate each staff person's field of responsibility and separate addresses, if any)

GSM:mbo
Enc.

Southern Regional Council

63 Auburn Avenue N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia

Walnut 7963 - Walnut 1821

Executive Director: George S. Mitchell

Assistant Director for Information: Harold C. Fleming

Assistant Director for State Organizations: Fred B. Routh

Director of Women's Work: Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Assistant Director for Program (in charge of Consultant Service Program): John Hope II, Department of Race Relations, AMA, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee

November 7, 1956

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

I don't blame you for following a newspaper man's habit of throwing all mimeo'd stuff into the w.p.b. But we did shoo to you October 6th this which says what to do about Williamsburg.

We have got room for you at the Brick House Tavern or the Market Square Tavern, and we are counting on your being there. Delighted to know that you hit Williamsburg on the train. Mr. Gabriel Alexander will be on the same train and I hope will find you.

Nice of you to come; we need you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 7, 1956

Mr. Arnold Aronson
Secretary
National Community Relations Advisory Council
Nine East Thirty-Eighth Street
Room 801
New York 16, New York

Dear Arnie:

Our meeting at Tuskegee October 24-25, of which some account has been sent you, made a couple of specific referrals to the coordinating program of which you are secretary.

I now make formal reference of these items to your group. We at the Tuskegee meeting thought that your group of agencies should take up and push through the matter of concerted work with the mass media.

We referred to your group for discussion and possible action the matter raised in a question before us as question 3, as follows: "Would it be possible to mobilize greater support among the churches and other groups if they concentrated on a minimum program of: (a) obedience to law and order and opposition to mob violence, (b) support of the public schools and opposition to the interposition movement, and (c) opposition to the Klan and White Citizens Council groups?"

As of interest to your group, I state that the agencies which came together at Tuskegee undertook to meet again in approximately three months.

Any measures of interchange that can be facilitated for the two groups could be handled between this office and your office.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
cc: HCF

November 7, 1956

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
P. O. Box 2097
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I did not write you to thank you for your most helpful contribution personally to SRC.

I am suffused with appreciation of all else you have done.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

P.S. I have sent off a long letter to Federated Department Stores in Cincinnati, and asked them to make a contribution of $500 to the Southern Regional Council.

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC Official Receipt $10.00

November 7, 1956

Mr. W. Hardin Hughes
1631-C University Avenue
Berkeley 3, California

Dear Mr. Hughes:

We have got about a hundred copies of the pamphlet left. I am shipping you fifty and billing you, not for the pamphlets which come with our best wishes, but for the postage. Would be grateful for your kindness in paying ($1.05) for the postage.

As to bringing the pamphlet up to date, I opine without the minutest examination that a pamphlet called Progress of the Negro in the United States: Love of This Land, issued by the Christian Education Press, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania, in 1956, pretty well does the job. The pamphleteers stuck no price on their product, so I don't know what it costs. If you disagree, tell us so.

You could come in and out of these parts and be unscathed. Try it. You will find a warm welcome here.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
50 copies The Negro in our Economy
mailed 11/6/56

November 7, 1956

Mr. Alexander F. Miller
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Alex:

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Mrs. Vivian C. Mason
National Council of Negro Women
1318 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Mason:

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Dr. Mozell C. Hill
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mozell:

I have read with considerable interest the Third Quarter Phylon, which I think is one of the better issues.

However, I was distressed to find in the article by Jim Nabrit on page 287, the inclusion of Bem Price, whose name was a part of a group of people who could hardly be considered friends of progress. Several of us at this office wrote Jim about this after he made the speech here in Atlanta in June. I believe Harold also mentioned this to you. It does not help the cause to besmirch the good name of our friends; and Bem Price has long been a friend of progress in the South. This is well testified to by an attach against him by the more pro-Southern editors of our region. For example, Grover Hall of Montgomery Advertizer.

It may interest you also to know that "Bea" Brooks, Herman's assistant, sent a copy of Phylon to Bem saying, "Welcome - you're in good company."

I am enclosing a copy of the letter Harold sent Jim after his speech here. I would enclose a copy of mine had I not written it by hand .

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

November 6, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I received your note this morning with the enclosed program from your annual meeting. Upon looking over the program, I would say that you had an excellent group of leaders present. I think the type of program outlined is most helpful to a group such as the Board and general members of the North Carolina Council

I will be glad to come up to North Carolina on Monday, December 10 to participate in a workshop for leaders of local Councils.

You recently wrote Dr. Mitchell asking for advice on some special program items. In the next few days, we hope to get out a memo which will out-line the criteria by which we evaluate the programs of state organizations, in which you will find program items which we consider to be most important.

I am pleased that Dr. Wheeler was elected state chairman, for I remember him as an able, intelligent and well-balanced individual.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsd

November 7, 1956

Mrs. Savilla M. Simons
General Secretary
Young Women's Christian Association
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Simons:

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Mr. Boris Shishkin
Director
Department of Civil Rights
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Boris:

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Miss Esther C. Stamats
Director, Christian Social Relations
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the U.S.A.
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

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Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum
Synagogue Council of America
110 West Forty-Second Street
New York 36, New York

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Attached is a roughest draft of a report. It awaits anxiously your scrutiny. Please put scrutiny upon it, and send it back to me altered, scratched up, or what you will. I will take your return of it to me as permission to put together what all of you say and produce a new report and make it available for the November 20th meeting.

Incidentally, it happens that I cannot be myself at the November 20th meeting, but Harold C. Fleming of the Southern Regional Council will be present and will do all things needful.

If anybody says this won't work and a committee ought to meet ahead of time, name the time and place and I will try to get to the meeting. But my motto will be "scrutiny gives consent."

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 7, 1956

(Dictated November 5)

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Here's what I sent C. H. I had a chance to say it to the rest of them this morning.

To you I would like to say that what you know how to do is the vitals of progress. You had learned to put it neatly at Tuskegee. Do it again with even more bang.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: Mrs. Tilly

November 7, 1956

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Again this year the never-satisfactory business of staff reports on the completed fiscal year's work. I know we shall all be looking forward to the debate on the altered program; yet it seems to me inescapable that we must for the Board members lay down at least a minimum of a running start in recent staff conduct of their trust in us.

The main problem is to keep it brief.

And that is a problem because I propose to say very little and to push Harold and you and Fred and John and Mrs. Tilly out in front.

Will you therefore try, retry, and make yourself boil down a summary of what you have done for us. Or of what you think we ought to be doing for the future. I would say four minutes. Do not say professorially this is impossible. Wit and wisdom can compress.

If you will put it down in outline and then strike out non-essentials at practicing once or twice, I am satisfied it can make a whack. Anyhow please give it a whirl.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: Mrs. Tilly
John Hope

November 7, 1956

Miss Esther C. Stamats
Director, Christian Social Relations
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the U.S.A.
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Stamats:

I was to write you about the Tuskegee meeting.

Quite good attendance from practically all of the people who had some Fund for the Republic help and have a Southern interest. One or two even that haven't. Dorothy Hall at Tuskegee Institute was hospitality and efficiency itself (I commend it as a meeting place). We shooed over a lot of questions. We successfully avoided horn blowing speeches by the agencies represented.

The brass tacks which showed were again at discussion of the old business of getting local people, white and Negro, to sit down and figure out the facts and decide how to comply with the Court's decision. This time it got variously across that after the first or second of such meetings of purely locals, somebody from outside, representing Negro social science interest, ought to come in to stiffen the bargaining. They all agreed that this business of local people meeting was a good thing to do and said they would. They also picked four cities where each agency was to concentrate quite specially. Charlottesville, Virginia, Miami, Florida, one -- as yet unspecified -- in Piedmont, North Carolina, and Nashville, Tennessee. A good deal of spillover interest in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, but they definitely did not designate it as a fifth city.

I shall be writing out to you and to all the agencies about that coordinating effort. But meanwhile, anything you can do to speed up the work of your agency in those cities please do. The man to contact in the North Carolina city is Tartt Bell, American Friends Service Committee, 617 West Market Street, Greensboro.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encls.

November 7, 1956

Mr. William A. Fullagar
Chairman
Division of Education
The University of Rochester
River Campus Station
Rochester 20, New York

Dear Mr. Fullagar:

Yes, you are most welcome!

We have a much-valued category of odd persons called Associate Members. These are good eggs who chance to reside North of the Mason and Pixie Line. We give them every privilege but we don't let 'em vote! As a matter of fact, this is no loss of privilege because the Council's only true members are the eighty-five members who make up the Board of Directors, and everybody else belongs to his or her state organization or lives up North. We are delighted to send you New South, and for a bonus we will send you the last four or five issues for nothing.

I always used to have a good time at the University of Florida. Was sorry they put me on tape, because that meant that I don't get to go back! By now the map speech is a movie, obtainable from the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., 830 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania, Reverend Ben Sissel, and I can peacefully trot myself off to Scotland.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Material sent under separate cover.

AIRMAIL

November 8, 1956

Mrs.H. F. Holmes
318 Murray Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Holmes:

After you returned the film we had mailed you, we discovered, much to our dismay, that we had sent you a different film than the one you had requested.

However, we do think that the Desegregation film that you received is most worth while.

We do have the movie "For Fair Play", and if you would like to show it to your people there, we would gladly send it along at this time.

Please excuse our error, and let us hear from you if you are interested in "For Fair Play."

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

November 8, 1956

Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
504 West 24th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Regarding your letter of November 7. The rule is that what wasn't paid can't be paid; but you are just lucky. You had written us September 3 saying what you wanted us to do, and we had through clerical error failed to see the dope about August 1. So, "clerical error" being specific for any violations of rule, we pay off. Here 'tis.

Now here's one of you. You told me you had a lady that was for sure and for true coming to work for you November 1st, full-time and a whizzer. How does the Secretary-Treasurer of SRC, Mrs. Ruth Alexander, know her name, when she went to work, and what she will have filled out on her, the young lady's, withholding tax form? Us needs more cooperation.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/rha
Enclosures (2)

November 8, 1956

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Observe that in this outgoing I committed you to make an early decision as to North Carolina -- which city would be designated as to the one among the four; and I also committed you to write to all the agencies (list of them here attached) and tell them which city was lit upon.

I trust I did not over-commit you. If I did: how else can a decision be taken?

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

cc: HCF

11/8/56

HCF:

Here is a complete file on the Tuskegee meeting.

You will see that this office made proper referral of certain questions to the Northeastern Committee. Also we wrote out to certain agencies in the Tuskegee meeting and asked them to step on the gas in the four cities. We are to poke them again in early December and see what they did.

Arrangements underway for a new "Tuskegee" meeting in January, '57.

Suggest that you incorporate all this in your planning.

eab/

November 8, 1956

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I can see that you are entering into a period when budgets will be demanded of you.

Partially there will be questions as to how you will spend the roughly $15,500 that remains to the account of the consultants' service project from the 1956 New World Foundation grant. Partially there is the matter of figuring out how you would use say another $25,000 of New World Foundation money that we would try to get you for calendar '57.

To help your scratchings Mr. Alexander will send you soon an analysis of your past expenditures. I don't know how soon we will be calling on you for exact figures, but these things always come sooner than you expect, so please begin to figure.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: GSA
HCF
RHA

November 8, 1956

Mr. Harry L. Golden
Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P. O. Box 2505
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

You and I will just have to make a time when we are together again. Tough luck it can't be Williamsburg.

But Charlotte is a city I get to and you will find me turning up there. If you don't, come on down here. And if that doesn't work we will be together in Scotland.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 8, 1956

Mr. Ernest C. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary
St. Paul Urban League
402 First Federal Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I will go over and get some more shiny pictures made of me today, and will send them to you before the end of this week quicko.

When a man makes a speech the least he can do is to guarantee that he gets to town ahead of time. To that end I have arranged to leave Atlanta Monday, November 19th, via Eastern Air Lines' Flight 906, which gets into Chicago at 8:05 p.m., and gets me on to St. Paul to the airport at 10:08 p.m. Nobody need bother about me. I will take myself from the airport into Father Vince's rectory, and would about the opening of business on the morning of Tuesday the 20th be on your office doorstep seeking instructions.

I leave at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday the 21st headed out for Atlanta -- likewise all by air.

I have nothing that I must do in the course of Tuesday before the speechmaking, and I am at your service. But if you block out any big chunk of that day's time, it would be well if you did so in agreement with Father Vince. Father Vince and I have a habit of going around addressing Seminarians.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 8, 1956

Mrs. Olive Holmes Blum
Specialist in Citizenship Education
Young Women's Christian Association
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mrs. Blum:

All straight; and I will show at the big Unitarian Church up around 14th and Columbia Road in Washington some minutes at least before 7:30 on the evening of Tuesday, November 13th. Shall be prepared to do ten minutes and questions, and am glad to be appearing with Bob Carter, who is a good companion.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Jim to phone after circulation in Dallas
Jim

November 8, 1956

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
Division of Christian Relations
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

The Southern Regional Council greatly values the annual contribution of $250.00 which has come to us for years back from the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.

We had our last such grant in May, 1955.

Will you be good enough to look up where matters stand for 1956? If we are properly budgeted, this is a request for the boon of appropriate help.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 8, 1956

Mr. Milton Conrad Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

I have read with considerable interest your latest issue of RESEARCH IN ACTION and believe it to be excellent. You have done more than any other state organization in this particular field and are to be congratulated for your efforts.

In your monthly narrative reports you have gone into such detail that they really appear to be a secretary's log rather than the narrative report of the activities of the professional staff member. I am enclosing a copy of a monthly report from Arkansas which better indicates not only the content of program but the process of program as well. It gives us here at the central office a better idea of what is being done by our state affiliates.

I look forward to a visit with you in New Orleans in the not too distant future. When do you plan to hold the Annual Meeting of the state group and of the New Orleans Chapter?

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Fred B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mbo
Enc.

Southern Re[redacted]

ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. [redacted]

GEORGE S. MITCHELL,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

November 7, 1956

Mailed 11/8/56

To: Agencies represented at Tuskegee Meeting, October 24-25, 1956

It will be remembered that SRC agreed at the Tuskegee gathering October 24-25 to accept responsibility for alerting various agencies to the possible kinds of assistance they would give in the four cities in the special coordinating effort.

The cities were listed in the Minutes of the Tuskegee gathering and were Charlottesville, Nashville, Miami, and one in North Carolina.

To get the North Carolina one pinned down definitely, I have written to Tartt Bell and asked him to write you all as to which one it is to be.

What the group evidently had in mind was that each body should alert its key people in each of the four cities to press hard in that city for action in the way of a local citizen committee, white and Negro, to move through on public school desegregation. Actually such committees are at work in each of the four selected cities.

So the matter becomes one of alerting your key people in each of the four cities to cooperate with the existing committee. The names of the persons available for local coordination were:

Charlottesville, Virginia - Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle, Box 3183, University Station

Piedmont North Carolina - Tartt Bell, American Friends Service Committee, 617 W. Market Street, Greensboro, North Carolina

Nashville, Tennessee - A. C. Miller, Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Building

Miami, Florida - Seymour Samet, American Jewish Committee 1208 Congress Building

There was at Tuskegee a good deal of spillover interest in designating Tuscaloosa, Alabama, as an additional city for coordinated effort. But the meeting specifically shrank from naming it as a fifth city. So our proper duty would be to assist with such help to Tuscaloosa as can be conveniently managed.*

It will not be enough if each agency simply writes to its key person and asks him or her so to concern himself or herself. Really best if each agency schedules the city for an early visit by some able person from the agency's central office; has present and future conferences with the existing local committee or its representatives; and explores ways locally to make available the best impetus which can come from that agency's local representatives.

I will be grateful if when you have taken action you will let us know what you did. It isn't necessary, but it would be helpful if some one spot knew the steps taken by each agency.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

*Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the coordinator is Reverend Robert Hughes, 2921 Nineteenth Street, South, Apartment E, Homewood, Alabama.

November 8, 1956

via air mail

Mr. William P. Batchelder
Manager
Williamsburg Lodge
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Batchelder:

I am enclosing a list of the persons who are planning to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on November 14-15, 1956 at your institution. There may be a few additions or deletions at the last minute.

I have put a redcheck by the names of the persons who indicated that they will want lodging for the evening of November 13 (Tuesday). The other persons will arrive during the morning or early afternoon on November 14th, (Wednesday).

I plan to arrive in Williamsburg via train (c.p. 9:25 a.m.) on the morning of November 14th.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc
Encl.

November 8, 1956

Dr. Theodore Leskes
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ted:

Fear not! The paper on Southern Resistance Movements, is well under way, and I will have it all set for the annual NAIRO conference.

We are going over some of the facts making doubly sure what we have is accurate. The final report will run between 20 and 30 pages, double spaced typing. The report will consist of, 1) general introduction, 2) an examination of the resistance groups on a regional basis, 3) an examination of their method of operation, 4) an examination of their literature (particularly hate literature), and 5) a state by state break down of resistance groups as to leadership, membership, etc.

Trust this is what you want and had in mind. I hope it will fill the bill. Looking forward to seeing you in Philadelphia.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

November 8, 1956

Mr. James T. McCain
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Jim:

Thank you very much for your note describing the incident in Sumpter. We are very fortunate that there was no repetition of what happened in Florida. While it is true that some people will do anything to start trouble, it is also true that one honest, courageous person can often prevent it from taking place.

This certainly shows that you are on your toes, and have you finger on the pulse of the community.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

November 8, 1956

Dr. John H. Marion
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

It sounds as if you certainly had a very fine annual meeting and I believe that having Dr. Hager explain what happened in Washington's school desegregation is most helpful. I also like the feature of explaining how the Charlottesville group works to other interested people.

I think that your statement before the Board, summarizing your year's activities is especially well done. I hope that you have circulated it to our other state directors. In the event that you have not, would you please do so; or ir your sense of modesty forbids this, please send me eleven extra copies and I will do so.

As you know, the annual meeting of the SRC will take place at Williamsburg the 14th and 15th of November. Last year when the meeting was held at Tuskegee, Bob Huges dropped over for the first part — sort of a "host" gesture. I will have Friday morning free in Richmond, and would like to stop by your office; and we can yak about walruses and kings and a number of things.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

November 8, 1956

Dr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Many thanks for getting the memorandum back to me so quickly. I think the suggestions you make are valid, and I will seek to incorporate them in the memo. One thing should be said, however, I did not intend this as a questionare which would be answered by state organization directors. Rather, I saw that as a quide it helps them understand the basis of how we judge the performance. I think we will need a series of measuring instruments to spell out the various areas of interest in this memo; and, of course, the questions in such an instrument would have to be far more specific than the questions in this memo.

However, I do think it is important to make as concrete as possible, the questions contained in the memo, and your suggestions are most helpful in doing this.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bsc

November 8, 1956

Miss Nina Ridenour
Secretary
Ittleson Family Foundation
One Park Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Ridenour:

In furtherance of our purpose to keep you informed, I send you a copy of a recent quarterly report from the Southern Regional Council to its own Board.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

An original of this ltr to:

1. B & J. Association
2. Louis D. Beaumont Foundation
3. Burroughs Foundation
4. Godfrey L. Cabot Charitable Trust
5. Cabot-Saltonstall Charitable Trust
6. Colt Foundation
7. The Division Fund
8. Farfield Foundation, Inc.
9. Ittleson Family Foundation
10. Irving D. and Janet S. Karpas Foundation, Inc.
11. Henry Luce Foundation, Inc.
12. Louis B. Mayer Foundation
13. Old Dominion Foundation, Inc.
14. Olin Industries, Inc., Charitable Trust
15. Payne Fund, Inc.
16. Sam Spatt Foundation, Inc.
17. Standard Oil Foundation, Inc.
18. Aaron Straus and Lillie Straus

November 9, 1956

Mr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission
of the Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Miller:

Here's the Ms. I 'phoned about.

Poor man will be anxious to hear what may seem its quality; and the possibilities with it. Let me know what you decide, please. (But only incidentally to your writing him.)

I think it's a beautiful job. Right, but never fussy.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 9, 1956

Mr. Roger H. Crook
Department of Religion
Meredith College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Crook:

I sent the MS. on today to Mr. Miller, at 161 Eighth Avenue, North, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, in Nashville, with my warm commendation. I think he will be writing you, and soon. Meanwhile, I would get word to him through friends.

By sending it to Mr. Miller I do not dismiss it. I think SRC would have a hard time printing it ourselves, but I don't rule out that possibility; and if this present hope fades I would try other devices to get it into print.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 9, 1956

Mr. Ernest C. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary
St. Paul Urban League
402 First Federal Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Here are the three glossy prints of Mr. Mitchell, as you requested in your letter of November 6th.

Sincerely,

Secretary

eab/

Encls.

November 9, 1956

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brazeal:

Mr. I. H. Burney who is chairman of the SRC Nominating Committee has requested that I notify the members of a meeting on Wednesday, November 14th at noon in Williamsburg. This meeting will be prior to the regular meeting of the board.

We will contact you in Williamsburg as to the place of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

November 9, 1956

Mr. W. C. Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Va.

Dear Mr. Brooke:

Mr. I. H. Burney who is chairman of the SRC Nominating Committee has requested that I notify the members of a meeting on Wednesday, November 14th at noon in Williamsburg. This meeting will be prior to the regular meeting of the board.

We will contact you in Williamsburg as to the place of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

November 9, 1956

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Mr. I. H. Burney who is Chairman of the SRC Nominating Committee has requested that I notify the members of a meeting on Wednesday, November 14 at noon in Williamsburg. This meeting will be prior to the regular meeting of the board.

We will contact you in Williamsburg as to the place of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

November 9, 1956

Mr. I. H. Burney
Afro-American Life Insurance Co.
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Mr. Burney:

I have your letter of November 7 in reference to a meeting of the Nominating Committee at noon on November 14 in Williamsburg. I am notifying the members to that effect today.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

November 12, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

On your helpful letter of November 8th, I address myself for the moment only to your points 1, 3, and 4.

We queried Joseph Haas May 17th as to whether this information were best worked up in Atlanta or state by state. He said to get each state to do it lest Olympianism in Atlanta lead the states astray.

We wrote each state June 5th and quoted Joseph Haas' letter and urged each state to make a regular connection with local counsel and get the answer to this matter and let us know by July 1st what they did. We reminded each state June 15th to report by July 1st. I can recall that most of the states did around July 1st say that they had done something about it. Unfortunately fingers cannot be laid upon the actual replies, though we continue to search.

So I think each state was duly cautioned and put on its own to unravel the matter.

As to the central office, I will ask Mr. Joseph Haas whether he perceives anything that endangers us. Of course the truth is that the attach will not be made upon the basis of a statute, but upon the basis of administrative malice. And how malicious administrators will construe a statute surpasses the wit of man.

I turn now to point one. I recognize some softening in the behavior of the Agricultural Extension Service and its local agents. But in the bad counties I profoundly mistrust them as being tied by the County Commissioner's contribution to their salary; tied to the landlords. Howsoever, I acknowledge that this administration is trying to convert the Agricultural Extension Service to better causes. It is just that I think the people are not comfortable. The key to it is in the county-contribution to each agent's salary.

Harold will write you about Integration North and South.

You talked to Harold about the potential heirship of SRC to the Fund for the Republic, and Harold and I will both be watchful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

HCF
GSM at Williamsburg

November 12, 1956

Miss Elizabeth Herring
National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor
1751 "N" Street
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Herring:

This has to be a future resignation from the Board of NCALL.

I have planned for a long time to quit what I might be doing at fifty-five and take myself to the Highlands of Scotland. Shall be interested, by the way, in the problems of those small farmers called Crofters. The time has come and I am telling my own Board this week that I shall resign from my job at SRC January 15th. Alice and I shall sail for Scotland March 8th.

The Council is in the fortunate position of having Harold Fleming able and willing to take over, and he can run it better than I.

As I shall be way yonder on the other side of the world, I can't do as a Board member. I am all for you and NCALL, thick and thin, but with a prospective residence yonder I think I ought in decency resign. So, effective March 8th I do, but regretfully.

All of you have been kindness itself to me, and I am honored and pleased to have been in this way part of the continuing effort of people to make a democracy on the land in the United States.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 12, 1956

Mr. Joseph F. Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

You were kind and advised us about possible punitive legislation which would effect our various state organizations. We wrote each state and told them to make a firm arrangement with local counsel. And most of them have replied that they did.

I am now reminded by our President, Marion Wright, that we have a special problem of possible legislation of that kind in Georgia. Would you be so kind as to advise us whether in your opinion anything presently on the books in Georgia exposes us particularly to attack.

I wrote Mr. Wright that it was my own view that when and if we are attacked, it will be from a motive of administrative malice and not by reason of violation of any statute within ordinary canons of construction.

But it would help us greatly if you could check into existing statutes.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: MAW
HCF

November 12, 1956

Volunteer & Welfare Information Service
118 South Oak Knoll Avenue
Pasadena, California

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find 50¢ in coin to cover the cost of one copy of your fourth edition of "So...You Serve on a Board".

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 12, 1956

Mr. Ed. G. Kloppe, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Race Relations
504 West 24th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your letter and the word on the Valien booklets. We will get them to you shortly.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 12, 1956

Mr. Arthur S. Miller
Emory University
Lamar School of Law
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Arthur:

Thanks for the kind words about the Integration booklet.

I've been meaning to write you how pleased I was to see the publicity on the Lawyers' statement you signed. That was much needed.

Be sure to let me know when your study is in print.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 12, 1956

Mr. Joseph P. Lyford
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Joe:

Thanks for the two clips on the Integration booklet. I'm glad your good release got wide play and am looking forward to seeing the digest you mentioned the other day.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 12, 1956

Mr. David Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

These are well done. Articles II and III are good reading for Northerners and Southerners both.

If nothing more ambitious is done with them, we might write Rotch for permission to use in New South.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Encs.

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Answered Nov 1956

Nov. 12, 1956

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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November 12, 1956

Mr. Albert Vorspan
Commission on Social Action
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Vorspan:

You kindly wrote me October 4th that you were figuring on what to do about a mailing that might possibly include our pamphlet, Next Steps in the South.

When you are ready to act, we are ready to be helpful.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 12, 1956

Mr. Quentin Whyte
South African Institute of Race Relations
Box 97
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Mr. Whyte:

Your man named Van Wyk is here.

We all miss you both.

Van Wyk says be sure to send you this little blue one about police, and to ask you to dig in your files and hunt up a green one called Race in the News, which is now six or seven years old. He is excited about both of them. I am pretty sure you saw them both.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. Race and Law Enforcement

November 13, 1956

Reverend Vincent J. O'Connell, S. M.
St. Louis Church
506 Cedar Street
St. Paul 2, Minnesota

Dear Father O'Connell:

Mr. Mitchell is currently away -- enroute to Williamsburg, Virginia, and thence to Washington, D. C. by car -- and will return to the office on Monday, the 19th.

His plan is to leave Atlanta on Eastern Air Lines' Flight 906 at 6:50 p.m. on Monday, November 19th, which flight stops briefly in Chicago, Illinois, and arrives in St. Paul at the airport at 10:08 p.m. I will note on his calendar that you will meet him at the airport on Monday night.

Sincerely,

Secretary

eab/

November 13, 1956

Reverend C. Sumpter Logan
Henderson
Kentucky

Dear Mr. Logan:

We here at the Council have seen your excellent article in conjunction with Reverend Braun which appeared in the October 24th issue of The Christian Century. We are interested in reprinting this in our monthly magazine New South, and have written The Christian Century asking for reprint permission.

We are aware that it is the usual procedure to obtain reprint permission from the authors too, and this is a request for such a privilege.

We are interested in carrying this article in our December issue which we are now pulling together.

Any consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor - New South

JC:mbo

November 13, 1956

Reverend Theodore A. Braun
Henderson
Kentucky

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Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor - New South

JC:mbo

AIRMAIL

November 13, 1956

Mr. Harold E. Fey, Editor
The Christian Century
407 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Mr. Fey:

The Christian Century of October 24, 1956 contained an article entitled "Henderson Pastors' Diary" by C. Sumpter Logan and Theodore A. Braun. The Southern Regional Council is interested in reprinting this article in our magazine New South. We would like to carry this article in our December issue, which we are now in the process of pulling together.

We would appreciate an early reply as to the possibility of reprint permission.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor - New South

JC:mbo

November 13, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
S. C. Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thank you very much for the information on Mrs. Morris Young, the newly-elected board representative from the South Carolina Council.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Alexander,
Administrative Assistant

GSA:fc

November 13, 1956

Mr. Lionel Arnold, Chairman
The Consolidated Charities Committee
of LeMoyne College
807 Walker Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Annually this extra mercy comes to us; a reminder of firm friends (the very best of friends; friends who back their good wishes with good dollars). We are deeply appreciative.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl. SRC official receipt $23.00

November 13, 1956

Mr. Lewis M. Killian
The Florida State University
Department of Sociology
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Killian:

Mr. Fleming has asked me to write to you about the survey the Council is making of Negro suffrage in the South. As we have started work on the field reports we have found in each case that some additional information would be helpful.

First, what constitutional or statutory requirements make registration more difficult in Florida? Are they used in a discriminatory fashion against potential Negro registrants? For example, are literacy tests, questions on the Constitution, etc., used as a method of limiting the number of potential Negro voters?

Are there any areas where registration is easy yet Negroes still fail to register? Have you noted instances of candidates seeking the Negro vote or in any other way recognizing its importance?

Could you tell us where intimidation of the kind mentioned in your report occurred and do you know of any additional incidents?

Also, would it be possible for you to give us a brief estimate of Negro leadership and its effectiveness in increasing registration, as well as a picture of future prospects for the Negro voter in Florida?

Finally, we would be most interested to have your interpretation of the significance of the Negro vote in last week's presidential election and an estimate of the Negro registrants who voted as compared to the white.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price
Research Consultant

MP:mbo

November 13, 1956

Mr. J. E. Pierce
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pierce:

Mr. Fleming has asked me to write to you about the survey the Council is making of Negro suffrage in the South. As we have started work on the field reports we have found in each case that some additional information would be helpful.

For one thing, could you give us any figures on white registration comparable to the Negro registration listed in your tables? In this connection, would you tell us also please what you used as the source of your listing of Negroes 21 and over? We noted some slight variation from the 1950 census figures we have.

A few other random questions: Have you noted any evidence that Negro voters show more or less interest in local elections? On page three of your report you mentioned court action against a Board of Registrars - - would you tell us which board and whether any decision has been made? Also, could you give us your views on future prospects of Negro registration in Alabama?

Finally, we would appreciate any comment on last week's general election - - the significance of the Negro vote, an estimate of turnout of Negro registrants as compared to white, etc.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price
Research Consultant

MP:mbo

November 13, 1956

Mr. J. T. McCain
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1509 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. McCain:

Mr. Fleming has asked me to write to you about the survey the Council is making of Negro suffrage in the South. As we have started work on the field reports we have found in each case that some additional information would be helpful.

For example, would you list for us the constitutional requirements in South Carolina which make registration more difficult? We noted your reference to literacy tests and wondered if you could give us some specific examples. Also, do you know of any definite instances of threats or overt violence?

We particularly need the best estimate available of Negro registration in the state in 1952. Previous estimates which the Council and other sources used ranged from 110,000 to 115,000. However, in view of your estimate of the 1956 registration as around 100,000, could it be that these earlier estimates of ours were inflated? We are assuming that registration did not drop in the past four years! Incidentally, we did note in an Associated Press story last Sunday that John McCray of Columbia estimated a Negro registration for South Carolina of from 80,000 to 85,000.

Finally, any additional comment on last week's general election, as to the significance of the Negro vote, the estimated percentage of the Negro registrants who voted as compared to the white, etc., would be welcome. In this connection, Mr. Fleming asked me to thank you for the map which you sent and which all of us found most interesting.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price
Research Consultant

MP:mbo

AIRMAIL

November 13, 1956

Dr. Henry A. Bullock
Texas Southern University
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Dr. Bullock:

Mr. Fleming has asked me to write to you about the survey the Council is making of Negro suffrage in the South. As we have started work on the field reports we have found in each case that some additional information would be helpful.

For example, would you tell us if Texas has any legal requirements in addition to the poll tax - - such things as a literacy test, etc.? Also, has there been any organized resistance to Negro registration from groups such as the Citizens Councils?

Two or three questions occurred to us in connection with the interesting field documents. Reading the Richmond report, we wondered if the drainage project could be traced in part to work by the area's Congressman, who in turn was motivated by a desire to serve Negro constituents? And, could you elaborate on the effect the Negro vote has on the performance of candidates in such sections as Kilgore, Temple and Greenville?

In your telegram, the total registration for Texas this year was lower than the number voting in 1952. Could there have been a transmission error?

Finally, would it be possible to give us the total turnout in Texas last week for the general election, as well as a racial breakdown? Any interpretation as to the significance of the Negro vote would be most welcome.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price
Research Consultant

MP:mbo

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

November 13, 1956

Miss Barbara Johnson, Administrative Secretary
Dade County Council on Community Relations
213 Northeast Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Miss Johnson:

Dr. Mitchell has asked me to reply to your letter of November 10th, 1956 concerning the films shown at the Tuskegee meeting.

I'm sorry but we do not have any of the three films for distribution.

The St. Louis movie is not quite ready for distribution and the Carmichael interview is being distributed through the Fund for the Republic and we have not heard definite plans as yet. As to the Map Talk, the production man tells us that they have one print finished which has been sent to the Presbyterians, U.S.A. Distribution of this film will be handled through that group. Perhaps you could shoot a letter off to Mr. H. B. Sissel, Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., 830 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia 7, Pa. You might get the film in time for your November 26th meeting.

The only films we have here are "For Fair Play", a movie on fair employment practices and a copy of a film concerning Desegregation in Baltimore. The latter one of these two is on loan and I doubt seriously that it will be back in time for your meeting.

I do hope you can work something out.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

November 13, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Bldg.
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

The film "Desegregation in Baltimore" was mailed from our office on Thursday, November 8th, to you. The film is a 16 MM one. I presume it will be there in time for your meeting even though these things travel rather slowly in the mail. Let us know if it doesn't turn up.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

November 13, 1956

Mr. John Hope
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hope:

I'm sorry there wasn't time to prepare as complete a report on Kentucky as we've done for some of the other states.

I'm sending the usual statistical statement and I've enclosed some copies of articles and mimeographed materials which may be helpful. In addition, the Consultants might wish to note the cases of Kentucky desegregation listed in Integration North and South. If you would like your Consultants to keep these books, will you please instruct Mrs. Alexander to charge your account $1.60.

If you picked up the copies of Georgia segregation laws from Dr. Jones and Dr. Long, please return them to us. If you did not, could you send us one of your two copies.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving,
Research Assistant

FBI:fc
Encl.

November 14, 1956

Mr. Loren Miller
Miller and Maddox
524 South Spring Street
Suite 311
Los Angeles 13, California

Dear Mr. Miller:

We have underway a study of Negro voter registration in eleven Southern states. Of those that you specifically mentioned, Kentucky is the only one included in our study. Our final report is not yet available, but I am enclosing a copy of a release published just prior to the general election.

Copies of post-election analysis of the Negro vote by the Associated Press and correspondents are also enclosed.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

Enclosure

FBI/bsc

November 14, 1956

Rev. Travis S. Barnes
745 Coommonwealth Avenue
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Rev. Barnes:

We do not have any information on the role the Methodist or other Protestant churches have played in the labor movement in Georgia. Perhaps a direct inquiry to Church or labor officials would provide you with the information you need.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/bsc

November 14, 1956

Miss Marjorie McLachlan
Georgia Director
National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.
1115 First National Bank Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss McLachlan:

I am enclosing the publications list of the Council and a folder describing our program.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

Enclosure

FBI/bsc

November 14, 1956

Mrs. T. W. Timm
4940 New Columbus Road
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Timm:

I am sending you a 1954 report by the Council on integrated libraries. An additional list of libraries integrating since 1954 is also included. It is possible that there are others which are not on our list, and we would appreciate your informing us of any that you become aware of.

The Council publishes a monthly magazine, New South which goes to the members of each state affiliate. In addition, the state affiliates frequently send news-letters to their members. I am sending you copies of a recent New South and the newsletters of the Georgia affiliate.

Payment of a $5 fee to the Georgia Committee on Interracial Cooperation, 63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Ga., would entitle you to a year's membership and subscription to New South.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/bsc

November 14, 1956

Dr. Robert A. Shanley
Box 332
Oglethorpe University, P. O.
Georgia

Dear Dr. Shanley:

Some materials on the registration and voting of Negroes are enclosed. I do not have an extra copy of the Moon paper; however, much of that information is included in Balance of Power: The Negro Vote by Henry L. Moon. You would also find Southern Politics In State and Nation by V. O. Key, Jr. helpful.

No doubt you noted the analysis of the Negro vote by the Associated Press and several correspondents in the Atlanta Constitution of November 11, 1956.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/bsc

November 14, 1956

Rev. Edwin R. Wilson
First Presbyterian Church
Jacksonville, Alabama

Dear Rev. Wilson:

Under separate cover I am sending you several publications which may assist you in your efforts to improve race relations in your community.

We certainly believe that bi-racial discussion groups, such as you have initiated, are essential in order to avoid one-sided consideration of racial problems.

The Alabama Council on Human Relations is an affiliate of the Southern Regional Council and I am certain that its director would be glad to work with your group. He is Rev. Robert E. Hughes, 2921 19th Street, South, Apt. E, Homewood, Alabama.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

FBI/bsc

November 14, 1956

Mr. Henry Lee Moon
National Ass'n for the Advancement
of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York

Dear Henry:

I enjoyed our get-to-gether last week.

Here is a run-down on the general election results in South Carolina, sent us by Mr. James McCain, Associate Director of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. I thought the shaded map and McCain's note might be relevent to the roundOup you are doing.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 14, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

This concerns item #2 in your letter of November 8th to Dr. Mitchell. I'm glad you thought well of the Integration report and the publicity that resulted. I talked with Joseph Lyford, the Fund for the Republic publicity man the other day and found that they are equally pleased. We should get from them a digest of publicity and editorial comment of the volume within the near future.

Lyford has anticipated your suggestion for future follow-through on the publicity. He told me that they had already broken down the subject matter by states and sent the breakdowns to appropriate newspapers in each state. To date, I have seen only one resulting story - in the Baltimore Sun - but others may be forthcoming. In any case, the enterprising Mr. Lyford seems to be relieving us of this useful job.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 14, 1956

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

Frank passed your manuscript along to me and I have read it with interest.

This presents the same problems to us that it does to you, I suppose, in that the article is pretty diffuse. I shouldn't be surprised but what there is a magazine article in Shaffer's personal experiences in Tuscaloosa, but he hasn't cast it in usable form.

Would there be any point in asking Joe Lyford if he knows of a magazine writer who might be interested in drawing on Shaffer's material for a kind of post-mortem on the Lucy incident, perhaps supplemented by a current visit to Tuscaloosa? A pretty tenuous idea, I'll admit, but the only possibility that I can think of at the moment.

As you know, I'm always glad to see anything of this kind that comes your way.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe
Enc.

November 14, 1956

Mr. Seymour Samet
The American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Seymour:

As you may know, George Mitchell alerted Bill Williams to your effort to get concerted local activity going in Miami. Bill will be closely in touch with you as the effort proceeds.

Meanwhile, if we can help further in any way, let us know.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 14, 1956

Miss Ann Beckner
Educational Affairs Vice President
U. S. National Student Association
1234 Gimbel Building
Philadelphia 7, Penna.

Dear Miss Beckner:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your prospectus for a conference on desegregation.

On a visit to New York last week, I had an opportunity to discuss your proposal both with Oscar Cohen of ADL and Frank Loescher of the Fund for the Republic. My views are substantially the same as theirs, which you already know.

In relation to other work of this kind that is preceding, the amount estimated for the conference is prohibitively large, and the question of how much strength USNSA could draw from Deep South campuses needs to be dealt with somewhat more specifically. Also, as you have no doubt learned, both the student YMCA and YWCA are carrying on allied programs; and staff members should be closely involved in the planning of your conference.

Aside from these negative observations, I think your proposal has considerable merit and I hope you will let me see the proposal again after it is reworked. In any case, the SRC will be glad to cooperate in every way with the USNSA's work in this field.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 14, 1956

Mr. Patrick McCauley
Southern Education Reporting Service
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McCauley:

The newspaper stories you have seen were based on the enclosed release. We have been carrying on a state-by-state survey of Negro suffrage, but we are only now in the process of putting the state reports together in an overall report on the region.

I am asking Margaret Price, who is doing the drafting job for us, to send you what we have on Alabama that might be useful for your thesis. I'm afraid, though, we can't put too much faith in the reliability of the county figures. As you probably know, this information is all but impossible to gather from official sources in Alabama. Our survey was done for us by Professor J. E. Pierce, Alabama State College in Montgomery. Pierce has followed this situation for a good many years and worked with Professor Donald Strong of the University of Alabama on his recently published report, which you have probably seen.

When we get our overall analysis finished, I will be sure that you get a copy.

This is an appropriate time for me to express once again our thanks to you and Don Shoemaker for help in compiling the instances that went into the integration booklet.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 16, 1956

Mr. Harry W. Roberts
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Roberts:

We are pleased to get your report on voting in Virginia, and will be writing you about any further information we may require.

I've also received the vouchers for the project. I wish it were possible for us to pay the full amount which I total up to $1,569.75. Unfortunately however, the funds for this project are just about used up, and the best I can do is to add another $100 to the original allocation, making a total of $1,300. Following your instructions, we are deducting the excess amount from your voucher.

You performed nobly under very pressing circumstances, and I regret that the project required you to invest uncompensated time and effort.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Check encl.

November 16, 1956

Mrs. Gilbert A. Harrison
3556 Macomb Street N. W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

We have delayed longer than we should in getting in to the New World Foundation a request for assistance for 1957. The reason is two-fold: First, we have been exploring community needs for consultant services in various areas of the South, so that our request might be based on as much first-hand assessment of needs and opportunities as possible; secondly, our Annual Meeting took place in Williamsburg, Virginia only yesterday, and we wanted to base our request to the Foundation on the policy actions taken there.

A detailed request is now in preparation and will be submitted within a few days. Meanwhile, I'm writing you to let you know that we are hoping for further generosity on the part of the New World Foundation for the coming year. Our community explorations have convinced us that the wise provision of consultant help, on a broader and more flexible basis than before, can do as much as any other one thing to move the South in the right direction during the months ahead. A substantial part of the job will be skilled advance work in the field by the full time staff of the Southern Regional Council. As to amount, Ben Segal has advised us that for tax reasons, $20,000 would be the maximum figure that could be considered by the Foundation. Therefore, though the need is great and we might otherwise have sought even more generous support, the request will be kept within those bounds.

Our Annual Meeting was an occasion for much earnest planning and renewed resolution by our Board Members and staff. Not the least of our encouragement was the sympathetic assistance that we have had from you and

from the New World Foundation. I believe that the activities planned for 1957 will justify your continued confidence.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 19, 1956

Mr. Stan Opotowsky
339 Audubon Boulevard
New Orleans, La.

Dear Stan:

Enclosed you will find the material you requested.

Again a word of caution, which I am sure is unnecessary, as to your discretion in using any material which might later cause repercussions to individuals in the region.

We enjoyed the conversations and will look forward to receiving your notes and related information.

Yell if we can be of more help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA:mbo
Enc.

November 19, 1956

Honorable Brooks Hays
Member of Congress
The Capitol
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brooks:

I send you an edition of the Humanist with an article which on page 260 mentions Arkansas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:fc

November 19, 1956

Mr. John T. Caldwell
President
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I send you separately an article in the current issue of the Humanist, which on pages 259-60 speaks praisingly of the University of Arkansas.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:fc

November 19, 1956

Dr. J. J. Seabrook, President
Huston Tillotson College
Austin 15, Texas

Dear Dr. Seabrook:

Most of our publications have dealt with various aspects of community action. I was not certain whether your address was to be limited to the role that the schools could play in improving human relations or whether you were also interested in the education of non school groups through various media. I am sending you the October issue of New South, Integration North and South, and Next Steps in the South which either report or suggest community action. Please send us $1.50 to cover cost and postage.

There has been a great deal of recent literature on intergroup education and I am enclosing a fairly representative, though not all-inclusive bibliography. Most of these are excellent, but the books by Cook and by Taba and the pamphlets might best serve your immediate needs. I regret that we do not have copies of these books or pamphlets which we can send you, but I am certain that your library or the library of the University of Texas will have most of these.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

November 19, 1956

Mr. Frank Graham
c/o United Nations
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

I send you separately a scrap of an article on page 259 of the current issue of the Humanist, which sets out a notion I had a chance to say in your presence.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:fc

November 19, 1956

Mr. Broadus Mitchell
49 Barrow Street
New York, New York

Dear Broadus:

I send you separately an article in the Humanist. This is Pricilla's maggie.

Would be grateful for your sending it on to Morris, Terry, and Mary.

Alice and I were in Washington Friday night and got Barbara and beau to come over and have dinner with us. Gave them a Fredericksburg table for a wedding present. We like the boy and always love Barbara.

Also on the way up saw Sidney who is temporarily down with chicken pox but tape recording his lectures for Nancy to play to the classes!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:fc

November 19, 1956

Mr. Andrew G. Freeman
The Columbus Urban League
107 North Monroe Avenue
Columbus 3, Ohio

Dear Mr. Freeman:

We do hope the Columbus Urban League will subscribe to our magazine, New South, copies of which were sent you the other day. You were kind enough to write us November 8th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:fc

November 19, 1956

Miss Helen E. Amerman
c/o Council for Civic Unity
437 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Helen:

I am sure enough going to sail March 8th. Next thing is for you to come over yonder.

Affectionately,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM;fe

November 19, 1956

Mr. B. R. Brazeal
Dean
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brazeal:

It was awful kind of you to pay the man Houser for Mboya's visit.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:fc

November 19, 1956

Mr. George J. Hecht
American Parents Committee
52 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hecht:

For a number of years I have enjoyed the honor of membership on the National Council of the American Parents Committee.

I am shortly to be moving to Scotland, for good; and therefore find it needful to resign my place, effective at the ready convenience of the American Parents Committee.

I have been grateful for the association, and for the valuable information which went along with this privilege.

Appreciatively,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 20, 1956

To: Dr. Mitchell

From: F. Irving

We have numerous clippings and materials which Mr. Wilmore would find useful. Many of these have not been summarized in any report, and it might take a considerable time for him to wade through the clippings, etc. Several issues of New South, Integration North and South, and Next Steps in the South are generally helpful and we can send him copies.

Under each of his topics I've indicated some pamphlets or reports having some pertinence to the particular topic. We can send him all of these except Race Relations Law Reporter, Southern School News, and the pamphlets referred to under Interpersonal Relations. If you wish any of these sent to him we can get them together.

November 20, 1956

Robert H. Mast, Chairman
Social Action Committee
354 Craft Avenue
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Mast:

Thank you for your letter of November 12, 1956, concerning publications. Please excuse the delay in answering but the majority of the staff was out of town the major portion of last week.

We are sending you, under separate cover, 100 copies each of "The South of the Future" and "The Southern Regional Council, Its Origin and Aims." We also are sending you sample copies of "New South" for 1956.

We have quantities of "New South" issues and also of "Three Views on the Segregation Decision" and "What the Supreme Court Said." However, we find that we must charge for any large quantities of the three publications. We would like to be able to provide this material free; but since we are a non-profit organization, we must charge a slight fee in order to continue publishing material.

"Three Views" and "What the Supreme Court Said" sell for ten cents (10¢) per copy and "New South" sells for twenty cents (20¢) per copy or fifteen (15¢) per copy for fifty or more. Your order for "Three Views" and "What the Supreme Court Said" will amount to $14.00. If you still wish the order filled, please let me know.

Again, thank you for the letter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor, New South

November 20, 1956

Mr. Frank S. Streeter, Treasurer
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Streeter:

We are deeply grateful to the John Hay Whitney Foundation for its $2,000 grant-in-aid to assist the Southern Regional Council's work with church women in the South.

The southwide meeting of church women, made possible through the generosity of the Foundation, was unusually successful. We will be sending you shortly Mrs. Tilly's summary of the meeting, its effectiveness, and the proposed follow-up activities.

Appreciatively,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 20, 1956

Mr. Richard Bentley
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bentley:

This is a formal application to the New World Foundation for a further grant to the Southern Regional Council to assist our Consultant Service Program during 1957.

When last we reported the progress of the Consultant Service Program on September 10, 1956, work-conferences had been held with lay boards of directors and professional staffs in Arkansas, Florida, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia. Also, a special "hard-core" states conference had been held in Atlanta with Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina participating. As these meetings have been rather fully reported we will not review them here.

Since the September report conferences have been held in Alabama, Georgia and Kentucky with gratifying results; here is a brief account of these meetings:

Alabama. John Hope II, Dr. Hylan Lewis (Atlanta University) and Fred Routh met with some 25 Board members of the Alabama Council on Human Relations at the Tuskegee Institute, September 25-26. The group took a problem census and then assigned priorities for discussion of the problems listed. The two items which seemed most helpful were: first, an identification of the variety of roles Board members might play in the Council, in other organizations to which they belong and as citizens; second, a careful analysis of forces operating in the tense situation in Tuscaloosa, home town of the University and site of the Miss Lucy affair. Once again the consultants explored with members the basic question, "What can we do at this time to make for meaningful progress in Alabama?"

Georgia. John Hope II, Dr. John A. Griffin (Emory University), Dr. William Jones (University of Tennessee), Dr. Hylan Lewis (Atlanta University), Dr. Herman Long (Fisk University), Mr. Whitney Young (Atlanta University) and Fred Routh met with the Board of Directors, the professional staff, the

state organizations' consultants and a carefully selected group of key people in Atlanta, September 27-28-29th. The large group broke into three sections to consider community organization, interracial communications, and self survey techniques. This was an exciting conference. Participants went home not only with greater determination to do a job but with increased and new skills to apply to the task.

Kentucky. John Hope II, Dr. Lee Coleman (University of Kentucky), Dr. Robert Johnson (NCCJ), Dr. Benita Valien (Fisk University), and Dr. C. H. Parrish met with Board members, staff and state consultants November 17-18-19. A great deal of thinking went into defining the best role for consultants -- professionalism vs advocacy. The group was interested in developing criteria for choosing communities in which to work and a thorough review of difficult communities and soft spots was undertaken. The group got so deep in their deliberations that they cancelled a "free period" they had scheduled.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

In the report of September 10th we wrote:

"We are preparing a program offering soon to be announced: the availability of the Consultant Service Program to public and private agencies in local communities facing the process of desegregation. If the level of acceptance of this service by community leadership inside and out of the SRC movement approaches that of the state affiliates, we may expect a greatly increased demand for the program. We will be faced with the need for expanded resources, both in manpower and finances. It should be emphasized that this service is not imposed even upon our affiliates, but must be "marketed," and that tactfully.

At this community level our major targets would include:

(A) Local community units of our affiliates.
(B) Other established community relations agencies.
(C) Local organizations or local units of regional or national organizations which have a subsidiary concern with inter-group relations, e.g. churches, labor unions, civic organizations, etc.
(D) Local governmental or quasi-governmental bodies or committees of such bodies specifically concerned with the implementation of the public school desegregation decisions, e.g. school boards, PTA's teacher workshops, etc."

Since these words were written we have made quiet exploratory approach to several communities through our state affiliates and local leadership. We expect, and this should be regarded as confidential, requests for consultant aid from Miami and St. Petersburg, Florida; Nashville, Tennessee; and Greensboro and Charlotte, N. C. There is also the possibility of requests for aid from communities in Arkansas, Kentucky, and Texas.

Work with these communities or their school boards would, of necessity, be without publicity or credit-claiming. In some cases, we expect to be invited in only if we promise to keep the fact fully confidential. Many school boards that desire to behave fear what publicity at this stage might do on the local scene.

Properly to meet the anticipated requests for aid we will have to add to our "stable" of consultants some specialists in the field of school administration who have been through the desegregation experience. We have also been planning to add specialists in law enforcement and in public administration. Obviously if the volume of requests for aid live up to our expectations, there will be a considerable increase in effort and expense for the Consultant Service Program.

Such an expanded program will impose an increased administrative load. There will be need for the equivalent of a full-time assistant in field services who will carry on field work in communities which might be interested in consultant aid, in taking the pulse of communities which request aid, and in cultivating new consultant specialists.

Up to this point we have been enthusiastic about the results of this program; now we are excited about its potentialities. We therefore ask the New World Foundation for a grant of $20,000 for the calendar year 1957 to assist the Consultant Service Program. A proposed budget is attached. It should be noted that the Budget totals $27,000.

John Hope has been running the program from his nearly full-time job in Nashville; obviously he needs to be represented here where day-to-day decisions must be taken.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl.

CONSULTANT SERVICE PROGRAM

PROPOSED BUDGET 1957

INCOME

Renewed grant from New World Foundation	$20,000	
		$20,000

EXPENDITURES

SALARIES

Assistant Director, SRC (½ time)	$ 3,750
Field Assistant (full-time)	5,000
Consultant Fees	6,250
Secretarial help (½ time)	1,500

TRAVEL

Assistant Director	$ 1,500
Field Assistant	3,000
Consultants	4,000

OTHER

Overhead	$ 1,000
Phone, Postage, and Supplies	1,000
	$27,000*

*We are in hopes that a sufficient balance will remain from the 1956 grant to make up the difference.

November 20, 1956

Mr. Richard Bentley
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bentley:

We have sent an original and four copies of this letter to Mrs. Harrison for distribution. This was the procedure suggested to us recently.

As Assistant Director for State Organizations let me add a word of praise about the Consultant Service Program -- it works! I can really see a definite improvement in our state groups since the work-conferences have been held.

As we move out to work with other like-minded agencies and communities we will be further contributing to the growth of democracy in the South -- and this is of concern to the entire nation.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director for
State Organizations

FBR/eab

November 21, 1956

Rev. C. Sumpter Logan
First Presbyterian Church
200 Washington Street
Henderson, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Logan:

Thank you for your letter of November 15th and the permission to reprint the Christian Century article. It certainly is pleasing to find people stand up for their convictions even in the face of possible economic pressure.

I have also received a letter from Rev. Braun giving his permission.

Again we appreciate your allowing us to do the article and when it is in print we will send you some copies.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor - New South

JC:mbo

November 21, 1956

Rev. Theo. A. Braun
Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church
First and Ingram Streets
Henderson, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Braun:

Thank you for your letter of November 16th and the permission to reprint your very fine article. As I wrote before, we here at the Council think your article and the stand of the Henderson Ministerial Association are exceedingly fine.

Your subscription to New South has been duly entered, and when we receive the December issue of New South from the press, we will send you some copies for your files.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable,
Managing Editor, New South

JC:mbo

November 21, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 S. Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Bill:

Harold is out of town and so I am answering your card of November 19th concerning the film "Desegregation in Baltimore."

We have two copies of the film and we can reserve one for Rev. Barnette in January if you can send us a more specific date. As yet we do not have any request for the month of January but I would suggest that you send the approximate date as soon as possible in order to be certain that the film will not be reserved by someone else.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

November 21, 1956

Mr. Fred Fuges, Director
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fuges:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming and at his direction, we are sending you a copy of our report "Instances of Economic Pressure and Reprisals, 1956."

This report was compiled at the request of another source but we felt that it might serve your purpose as well. Many of these instances will have already been called to your attention but perhaps the overall report will help to give you the current trend on reprisals here in the South.

If you would like more detailed information or if you feel that a report more to your specific needs is necessary, we will be happy to try and obtain such information.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Information Service

PA:mbo
Enc.

November 20, 1956

Mrs. Gilbert Harrison
3556 Macomb Street, N. W.
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Harrison:

In addition to the letter to you, we are enclosing four copies of the same letter addressed to Mr. Bentley. This was the procedure suggested to us recently. It is our understanding that you will distribute them to the folks whom you once listed for us.

As Assistant Director for State Organizations let me add one word about the Consultant Service Program -- it works! Our state groups are more effective because of the work-conferences which they have been through.

The next big step of working with communities will be an even greater contribution to the growth of democracy in our Southland.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director for
State Organizations

FBR/eab

November 21, 1956

Mr. Kermit B. Morrison, Director
DePauw Methodist Student Movement
Depauw University
Greencastle, Indiana

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Your order for thirty copies of "Changing Patterns in the New South" has been filled. I am glad that it meets the needs of your study-seminarists.

If your trip brings you to Atlanta, I hope you will plan to visit the Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 21, 1956

Mr. John H. Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
100 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Jack:

We are sending you under separate cover, some additional material concerning Southern Regional Council that you requested in your letter of November 9, 1956. I'm afraid this batch is not as complete as the earlier one I got together for you, but we only had two copies of some of the earlier material that we sent you.

If there is anything special in the first batch of material I sent you which is not included in this and which you would have special need for, you might let me know and I will try to duplicate it for you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

November 26, 1956

Mr. C. H. Parrish
926 South Sixth Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

I wrote the Daytona Beach people as enclosed. So do come by here, and we will foot that part of hon. bill.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

cc: RHA
FBR

Encl. Copy of ltr to Mrs. P. L. Miles dtd 11/2/56

November 26, 1956

Reverend Vincent J. O'Connell
St. Louis Church
506 Cedar Street
St. Paul 2, Minnesota

Dear Father Vince:

You and your associates were as kind to me as could be, and I am deeply grateful.

Admiringly,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 26, 1956

Miss Irene Osborne
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Penna.

Dear Irene:

Thanks for your letter following up the various matters we discussed when you were in Atlanta.

As to the handbook, I hadn't dared hope you or John Alexander would have the time to produce a manuscript. But John had suggested that you two might jot down the main points you thought should be dealt with. This would be very helpful to us as we struggle with the first draft.

We are delighted with the prospect of an article by you based on the poll of superintendents. We will hope to get it in time for the February issue of New South. A piece between 3 and 4 printed pages in length would be fine.

We will keep in touch with John about the possible use of SRC consultants to buttress his work in North Carolina communities. Judging by what he has told us of Bryson City, Chapel Hill, and the rest, I think we can work together fruitfully. Tartt sent us a copy of his memo to cooperating agencies re selection of a piedmont city for concerted effort. SRC - and I believe the other agencies represented at Tuskegee - are taking our commitment with equal seriousness. Seymour Samet has circulated a similar memo on the Miami push. Perhaps this can mark the beginning of some really business-like coordination.

I'll look forward to seeing a copy of the North Carolina pamphlet on desegregation.

Sorry I don't see you at the NAIRO meeting. Barbara Moffett and I were fellow-sufferers at the New York inter-agency meeting last week.

Miss Irene Osborne November 26, 1956

I got saddled with enough coordinating duties to last me quite a while.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
CC: Barbara Moffett
Tartt Bell
John Alexander

November 26, 1956

William C. Whitney Foundation
120 Broadway
New York 5, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

At Mr. Straight's suggestion, I am sending the enclosed material in support of our request of August 24, 1956.

The memorandum dated November 26 attempts to summarize briefly the current activities of the Southern Regional Council. The other enclosure is a proposal adopted by our annual meeting just held at Williamsburg, Virginia, November 14 and 15; this memorandum sets forth policy and program orientation for the coming period. I trust these two documents, as supplemented by several other exhibits, will give the directors of the William C. Whitney Foundation sufficient background to act on the Council's request.

It would be our hope that the aid requested might be applied on staff and program of the Council's information services. That embraces those activities described in the memorandum of November 26 under the headings "Clearinghouse," "Information," and "Fact-Finding." We believe that the Council is in a strategic position to make an invaluable contribution to national as well as Southern understanding of segregation problems and their solutions. Moreover, we feel that the Council's competence in this field has been - and is being - demonstrated sufficiently to justify the Foundation's confidence.

If further information is needed, please advise us. Meanwhile, our gratitude for the sympathetic consideration of the Foundation.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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Memorandum, November 26
Memorandum, Rufus E. Clement, October 22
Current list of Board Members
Newspaper clippings

November 26, 1956

Miss Mabel C. Mount
Managing Editor
Public Affairs Pamphlets
22 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Mount:

Thank you for sending me the galleys of the forthcoming pamphlet and for your kind words about the Manuscript.

John Constable and I have read the proofs and have indicated a few corrections, most of them minor and self-evident. One notation requires some comment. On galley 5, under "The North and West", "1. Education" the last sentence should be deleted. There have been community controversies and disorders centering about school integration in the North. Since the pamphlet is already subject to criticism for minimizing the existence of segregation problems in the North, we feel very strongly that this questionable statement ought not be added. Of course it would be possible to explain that such resistance as has occurred in the North has been less virulent and much more limited than in the South, but this would take up more space and might best be avoided by deleting the sentence in question.

As to the questions that you raise in your letter, your revised version is correct in both cases.

For your page one note: The SRC is an organization of many years standing, made up of white and Negro Southerners, working in the field of race relations. I am assistant director in charge of information, and John Constable is the editor of the Council's monthly publication New South. This pamphlet is based on several studies recently conducted by the SRC. The findings of one of these studies, along with the results of a similar Northern survey by David Loth, was just published by the Fund for the Republic under the title Integration North and South.

I hope this gives you the information you need; if not, let me know and I will supply more post-haste.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

AIRMAIL November 26, 1956

Mr. Curtis D. Gillespie
Dean of Students
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

Your letter concerning the film "Desegregation in Baltimore" has been given to me for reply. I am sorry that both copies of the film we have are now on loan. However, they should be returned shortly and I can mail you one at that time but I doubt that it would get there in time for your November 30th showing.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like for me to mail you the film even though you would not be able to show it November 30th.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo

November 26, 1956

Mrs. R. S. Lyells, Executive Director
Mississippi Council on Human Relations
1104 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Lyells:

Your telegram concerning New South came at a time when both Dr. Mitchell and I were out of town.

Until December 31, when SRC's subsidy ends, the agreement between our organizations calls for the state group to collect as dues $2.00 per member to be forwarded to SRC for New South. After the subsidy period - that is, after January 1st - we will be glad to handle the matter in whatever way the Mississippi Council wishes. We would, of course, be glad to continue to send New South to each of your members as heretofore, upon receipt of the subscription fee from the Mississippi Council.

In consideration of the Mississippi Council's efforts to become self-sustaining we are prepared to offer 100 or more subscriptions on this basis at a reduced fee of $1.50 per year.

If you prefer to make subscription to New South optional with your members, we will bill them at renewal time, or in the case of new members when you notify us of their joining.

We will look forward to hearing from you once your executive committee has made its decision.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 26, 1956

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
The Fund for the Republic Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Adam:

Here is a lengthy analysis of the findings of SRC's ill-fated study of unequal penalties conducted several years ago. Perhaps this will be enough to give you an idea of what is available as a basis for further work in this field. Incidentally, the principle work on this analysis was done by staff of the American Jewish Committee. Somewhere along the line, you might want to discuss this whole idea with Ed Lukas.

For my money (if any) something effective ought to be done in this field through the law schools, and you are just the man to figure out what. Keep me posted.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 26, 1956

Mr. Robert W. Brown
The Ledger-Enquirer
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Bob:

Ping may have something else in mind, but when I was in New York recently I mentioned your tentative hope that the SNPA might take on some clearinghouse function with respect to racist propagandists and their material. He was impressed by the idea and said the Fund would no doubt be willing to give financial assistance to such a project, if desirable and feasible from the SNPA viewpoint.

Can we get together when you are in Atlanta December 1 and 2? Drop me a note about time, and I'll be available.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

P. S. I didn't overlook your query about Kasper, but found that Art Levin had sent you his information, which included everything we had and more.

November 26, 1956

Mrs. Lowell L. Giffen
2303 Highland Drive
Fountain City, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Giffen:

Thank you for your letter of November 17th, and I am enclosing as per your request some biographical material.

I am glad that the Jack Wilcoxes, whom I know, are meeting me. I am coming by Delta Air Lines, flight 434. It leaves Atlanta at 9:10 a.m. and arrives in Knoxville at 10:04 a.m. I return to Atlanta the next day on Delta, flight 545, leaving Knoxville at 11:20 a.m.

I will by happy if in some small way I amy contibute to the success of "Units for Unity".

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure

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November 27, 1956

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

I esteem good eggs above all other persons. The Council most warmly thanks the Board of Church Extension.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encl. SRC Official Receipt $250.00

November 27, 1956

A I R M A I L

Mr. Paul Christopher
AFL-CIO Region VIII Director
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

I enclose a sample copy of the letter you gave to me at the November 14th Board meeting, which letter is to be sent to persons named by you soliciting aid for the Southern Regional Council.

It occurs to me, in view of the action of the Board that each person send letters under his own signature, that it would be well if the letters were typed on your letterhead. Will you then send me about half a dozen sheets of your stationary (I have five persons to write), and upon authorization from you I will sign them with the appropriate initialing, enclose a stamped addressed envelope to the Southern Regional Council, and send them out.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Brantley
Secretary to Mr. Mitchell

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Dear :

Just a quick note to invite you to make a 1956 contribution to the Southern Regional Council, and I hope very much that you will respond.

It isn't necessary to tell you about the SRC. It is a good outfit, and never before has the need been greater. All the no-good anti-labor White Citizens Councils, Committee for Constitutional Government, etc., are making headway in the South, and at least part of their success is due to the fact that organizations and groups like the Southern Regional Council don't have enough money to be more effective.

So it is a good cause. Do act now. Get out your check book and write a $5, $10, or $25 check and put it with this letter and mail it in the enclosed stamped self-addressed envelope. Or put a $5 or $10 bill in, and get it off to the Council -- before your cash or bank balance gets as low as mine just before the usual Christmas purchases, and so you can list your contribution among your tax deductibles when filing your 1956 income tax returns.

I know your heart is in the right place, and am sure this personal reminder is enough to cause you to do what you really intended doing before now. My personal thanks in advance.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Christopher
AFL-CIO Region VIII Director

November 27, 1956

Mr. William J. Davis
Stiles Hall
2400 Bancroft Way
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

I got word off to Paul Taylor with better than deliberate speed, and I hope Paul will have told you, that while I am deeply appreciative of the offer of a job it doesn't suit me to take it.

The truth is I have got a good job now and nobody has pushed me to leave it, but I am just tired and I want to quit now that I have hit 55 and rest for some years!

I gravely doubt also whether with my long specialization on matters Dixieish I could do a reasonable job under circumstances broadly national.

But I am flattered by everybody's interest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 27, 1956

Mr. Louis Schulz
First Congregational Church
214 East Welbourne Avenue
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Schulz:

You pose a problem that passes the wit of man. No one sane can issue a guarantee that the Attorney General of the United States will never at some later date list an organization as Communist-related. But I give you for your comfort a copy of the recent interchange of correspondence with the Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Also a mimeographed leaflet giving the history of the Council.

I guess the best thing to do is to look through the Board members of the Florida Council on Human Relations and see whether any of them frighten you!

I stand guarantor that there are no Communists or persons who think like Communists on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council, and that nobody employed by the Southern Regional Council has any links with the Communist movement. But then there are persons about who would never take my guarantee!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Encls.

November 27, 1956

Mr. Ernest Cooper
St. Paul Urban League
First Federal Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Safely home, though that wretched Northwestern Air Lines plane squatted in St. Paul before take-off long enough to cause me to miss my Chicago connection, and I didn't get home until suppertime that night. Howsomeever, that saved me a weary afternoon at the office, and so I guess I am better off.

The St. Paul Urban League was certainly most generous with its check, and the Southern Regional Council is deeply grateful.

I had a good time and liked you and your wife and all the people.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 27, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

This is the reply we had from Mr. Joseph Haas about existing legislation.

We do think that something serious is in the Cook.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab
Encl.

November 27, 1956

Mr. Henry Toy, Jr., President
National Citizens Council for Better Schools
9 East 40th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Toy:

It will be a pleasure to take part in the spring meeting of the Round Table of National Organizations. Thanks for inviting me.

As the date of the meeting approaches, I shall look forward to some further word from you about plans for the panel discussion.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 27, 1956

Miss Sue Spencer
Director
The University of Tennessee
School of Social Work
412 Twenty-First Avenue, South
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Miss Spencer:

This acknowledges and confirms the copy of my wire to you today. I am sorry that much travel made me so slow. I do wish we could help you out on it, but we just don't and we haven't got the ten centses to get into that business.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Miss Sue Spencer
Director
The University of Tennessee
School of Social Work
412 Twenty-First Avenue, South
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Miss Spencer:

It is a long-standing rule with us not to pay travel expenses of speakers. We almost never break the rule for points within the South, and we never break it for Los Angeles. I think if your meeting wants Mrs. Valien badly enough it can contrive her travel expenses. In any case, we are all flattered by the request.

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Whitney Young
Miss Sue Spencer

November 27, 1956

Mr. Thomas I. Emerson
Yale University
School of Law
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Emerson:

This is in reply to your letter of November 16, 1956.

The newspaper accounts of our voting study were based on the enclosed release. As the release points out, this is merely a preliminary summary of our twelve-state survey. A detailed analysis is in process and will later be published as a special report.

I shall be glad to see that you receive a copy of the final report as soon as it is ready.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 27, 1956

Mr. James Dombrowski
Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.
822 Perdido Street
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Mr. Dombrowski:

This is in reply to your letter to Dr. Mitchell dated November 9th.

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Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

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November 27, 1956

Mr. Paul H. Sanders, Director
Race Relations Law Reporter
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sanders:

This is in reply to your letter to Dr. Mitchell dated November 10.

The newspaper accounts of our voting study were based on the enclosed release. As the release points out, this is merely a preliminary summary of our twelve-state survey. A detailed analysis is in process and will later be published as a special report.

I shall be glad to see that you receive a copy of the final report as soon as it is ready.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 27, 1956

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League
of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Oscar:

Thanks for your letter. I had hoped to touch base with you again when I was in New York early last week, but I missed you both times I telephoned.

However, Joe Lyford told me the North pamphlet was ready and showed me the news release on it. I'm glad you were able to release it concurrently with your National Commission meeting.

The women's conference sounds good. I'll look forward to hearing more about it.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 27, 1956

Mr. M. LaFayette Harris, President
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Harris:

My sincere thanks for your kind letter of November 19. I will do my best to justify the confidence which you and the other board members have placed in me.

The findings of our economic study, which I referred to in our luncheon conversation at Williamsburg, are still in a raw state. As soon as the report is ready, I will see that you get a copy promptly. Meanwhile, if you have some earlier need for specific information, let me know and I will try to supply it.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 27, 1956

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
3401 Brookwood Court
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Lightwood plans perfect!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 27, 1956

Mr. Harry S. Jones
121 East Third Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

The February 1 Newsletter spoke of Arna Bontemps' book. I send you ours for your quickest reading. Get it back and we will send it to the South Carolina Council. Extraordinary commendation will be noted out to that state office that reads the book the fastest and gives it back the quickest.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

Under separate cover:
Arna Bontemps' Story of the Negro

November 27, 1956

Rev. Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Cartwright:

Thank you for your letter of November 16, 1956; and please forgive the delay in answering but what with Harold being out of town and the Thanksgiving holiday, we have not been able to sit down and discuss it before now.

I think that the list of church editors to receive New South would be a good thing, and we would like your help in compiling such a list. We wonder if you could send us names of 50 to 75 religious editors whom you think New South ought to be sent. We believe these people should be largely from the Southern region.

Again, we think it is a good idea and thanks for the suggestion.

We will be looking forward to receiving your list of recommendations.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor - New South

JC:mbe

cc: Mr. Christopher
HCF

November 27, 1956

Mr. Boris Shishkin, Director
Department of Civil Rights
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Boris:

I ask your kindest good offices in a matter of continuing labor representation on the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional Council.

SRC at its launching in 1943 was substantially helped both by George Googe and Charlie Gillman. These two men signed the call for the original meeting. And Charlie Gillman came on to the Executive Committee of SRC, where he served helpfully for a number of years. Afterwards, we elected Paul Christopher when he was State Director for the CIO in Tennessee. And we got Paul on to the Executive Committee. He has worked devotedly and imaginatively and most usefully in the show.

Now the AFL-CIO has its rules about permission for regional directors to serve on the Boards of outside bodies. Paul is occasionally reminded of some official requirement that he should conform in this matter. The other members of the Executive Committee and of the Board of Directors and all of the staff of the SRC would dearly love to keep Paul Christopher on. The man understands us and we understand him. I personally have known him and loved him a long time.

If it is required, we would of course be equable about asking the AFL-CIO to advise us as to someone else whom we might ask to be a substitute for Paul in relating us to the organized labor movement. I make bold to appeal to you to talk with the powers that be and see whether or not in this odd circumstance arrangements could be made for Paul to stay along as he is. He comes to two, perhaps three, meetings a year.

With almost anybody else there would be a break-in period. Things are a little delicate just now for a break-in period.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM/eab

November 28, 1956

Mr. Don J. Hager, Research Director
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hager:

I am a long time replying to your letter, but I wanted to look into the question you raised with reasonable thoroughness before answering.

You are right in feeling that little has been done to survey racial patterns in welfare services. Enclosed is an excerpt from a report by the Richmond Urban League which has some relevence. No doubt the Urban League could supply the specific names, places and other particulars of the instances referred to in these two paragraphs.

Another report, somewhat out-dated but of possible interest, is "The Employment of Negroes in Public Welfare in Eleven Southern States, 1936 - 1949" by John R. Larkins, Information Bulletin No. 17 of the North Carolina State Board of Public Welfare, July 1951. This is the only thing of its kind that I know of, and unfortunately we have only one copy. But if you will write to Mr. Larkins, I'm sure he would be happy to send you one.

If I come across any more recent research activity in this field I will let you know.

I was glad to get a glimpse of you at the recent meeting in New York though sorry that we didn't get a chance to talk.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo
Enc.

November 28, 1956

Mr. Charles E. Thompson, Editor
Journal of Negro Education
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 15th and for the excellent prospectus on your forthcoming Yearbook. I am glad that Dr. Parrish acquainted you with our recent survey on suffrage. You may be sure that we will cooperate with you in every way.

I shall be glad to undertake a contribution to your symposium, if I may accept the responsibility as an organizational rather than a personal one. Our work on the suffrage survey involves several staff members working jointly, and I am sure that one or several of us could do a manuscript suitable for the Yearbook. So, while accepting the assignment, I should like to leave the question of authorship open for the time being.

As soon as we have completed our analysis of the several state reports, I shall send you a copy. Meanwhile I'm glad to know that you may make use of some of the persons who served as state consultants.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 28, 1956

Mr. John W. Alexander
American Friends Service Committee
617 West Market Street
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear John:

Thanks for sending us the very able statement by Irving Carlyle. This was a noble contribution to the popular debate and we will certainly make some use of it.

How did your meeting go on Monday? Everybody is appreciative of the business-like way in which you and Tartt have taken hold of the coordinating responsibility in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbe

November 29, 1956

Miss Helen Louise Cohen
94 Oliver Street
Rochester 7, New York

Dear Miss Cohen:

We love above all else self-starters, and we thank you warmly. You are now in the best of standing, as an Associate Member and as a Contributor until next May.

The Secretary-Treasurer says by her notations that she sent you a bill on May 22, '56, but from your quarter heard nothing.

Howsomever, you resound handsomely now; and we are most grateful.

I wrote the News and Courier. And here is the pamphlet - which I wasted not upon the man Godkin. A big guy in the Citizens Councils is a man Roy Harris, who is a Georgia politician with a weekly political paper that lies systematically. Most of this tripe comes from his sheet. We never expect to catch up with the circulation of such material, but when we see a head we strike at it!

Warmly,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:fc
Encl.

November 29, '56

Dear Mr. Linde,

This is the schedule for the Man Canaval.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

November 29, 1956

Miss Evalyn Jacobson
1350 N. Fuller Avenue
Los Angeles 46, Calif.

Dear Miss Jacobson:

Enclosed is the first of our reports on "Pro-segregation Groups In The South." This will give you a summary of the organized resistance throughout eleven Southern states. And, while I can well understand your interest in Mississippi, the fountainhead of the resistance movement, please note that conditions are region-wide and equally serious in areas other than the one state.

The Mississippi Citizens' Councils has a large group of pamphlets and publications, including The Citizens' Council, their monthly newspaper and printed annual reports for the Association for 1954 and 1955. By writing to Mr. W. J. Simmons, Administrator, The Association of Citizens' Councils of Mississippi, 605 Plaza Building, Jackson, Mississippi, you will receive quite a collection of these materials which should be of special help in your project. An appropriate letter, merely requesting information and citing your particular interest in the specific reports mentioned above, with an offer to pay for same, will be promptly answered.

As to the occupational classes from which WCC members come, the large membership would indicate a grass roots movement of the general population but please note that the movement is led by well-respected, politically powerful individuals which carefully distinguish the WCC from a disreputable KKK type movement. (Physical violence being replaced by the more subtle economic and social reprisals - vicious and effective.) This movement and the emotions being created has, however, formed the basis for a new Klan movement which is growing and becoming more outspoken.

Please feel free to call on us again if we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Information Service

PA:mbo
Enc.

November 29, 1956

Mr. William K. Williams, Exec. Dir.
Florida Council on Human Relations
324 South Beach Street
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

Mr. Fred Fuges, Director of the Rights of Conscience Program of the American Friends Service Committee has become interested in the cases of two individuals which you called to our attention.

Does either Mrs. Ellen Fetter Roberts or Mrs. Mabel Reese need financial or legal assistance? Mr. Fuges has emphasized that his program is interested in any legitimate rights of conscience situation regardless of its proportion.

We would appreciate your immediate attention to this since we have promised to follow-up on Mr. Fuges request for this information as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Information Service

PA:mbe

November 29, 1956

Mr. James T. McCain, Associate Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1508 Lady Street
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Jim:

Mr. Fred Fuges, Director of the Rights of Conscience Program, American Friends Service Committee has indicated an interest in several of the reprisal reports which you sent us.

1. What is the current status of the Rev. E. E. Richburg of Summerton? Does he need legal or financial assistance?

2. What of Mr. L. A. Blackman of Holly Hill. Is is financial position such that he is not in need or does he need assistance?

In all probability Mr. Fuges will contact you in the near future and arrange to see you in Columbia. In the meantime, we have promised to get this material to him as quickly as possible. Therefore, anything that you can let us have immediately will be helpful.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Information Service

PA:mbo

November 29, 1956

Miss Susan L. Mosher
Chapin House
Smith College
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Miss Mosher:

Many apologies for this delay in answering your kind letter, but I have been trying to figure out some possibility of my filling the speaking date you suggested.

I am to be at Arden House, Harriman, New York on March 25-26. This might make it possible for me to run up to Smith at a minimum expense to your group, if one of the adjoining dates would work for you. Otherwise, I am occasionally in New York, but I seldom know more than a week or two in advance when such a trip is coming up.

Please let me hear from you about the March possibility.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Assistant Director

HCF:mbo

November 29, 1956

Editor
News and Courier
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Somebody sent us in from somewhere a snippet from the News and Courier of November 8, 1956, which was a printed letter from one James E. Godkin of Beaufort. Mr. Godkin told asserted untruths about the Southern Regional Council. The truth is as in the enclosed mimeod pamphlet. I am not asking the News and Courier to print the pamphlet, but I do think it is fair to ask that one or two on the editorial staff inform themselves of the truth.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mbo
Enc. SRC-Origins and Aims
CC: James E. Godkin, Esq.
Beaufort, S. C.

BCC: Miss Helen Louise Cohen
94 Oliver Street
Rochester 7, N.Y.

November 29, 1956

Mr. Paul T. Bechtol, Jr.
Box 94
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Bechtol:

I opened my investigation department and figured out that you must have intended to write to the Southern University Council, c/o Bob Lester at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. I have sent your letter on to him.

If he doesn't holler pretty soon, poke him!

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:fc

cc: Southern University Council
Dr. Robert Lester
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

November 29, '56

Dear Mr. Canaval,

Warmly welcome.

Here's schedule for your Atlanta stay.

Notice that this very afternoon at five o'clock, I Mitchell come by the Atlantan Hotel to take you home to dinner. Best if you can be down in the lobby and ready; parking is such a problem.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

November 29, 1956

Dr. A. C. Miller
161 Eighth Avenue North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

These are the notes that have come in from the reporter we had. I am not satisfied with the notes on your messages. I hope it will not be too difficult for you to look over this and implement it. It need not be long, but some of the very basic things pertaining to the every-day problems in some way were left out of the notes. They are very vital and the women really need them. If you will take a few minutes with your stenographer and dictate it and rush it back to us, we will greatly appreciate it.

Part of the delay in getting the "Gleanings" together was due to the fact that I was in the hospital immediately after the meeting; However I am fine now.

Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Church Women

MET/bsc

November 29, 1956

Mr. Henry L. Moon
Director, Public Relations
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Moon:

We wish to secure a copy of the statements on the effects of segregation which were submitted to the Supreme Court by thrity-two social scientists in the school cases. We would appreciate it if you could send us this report, permanently or temporarily.

Sincerely,

Florence B. Irving
Research Assistant

November 30, 1956

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Linville Falls
South Carolina

Dear Marion:

Here is a matter I would like to report to the two of you; in dual capacities as principal members both of the Executive Committee and of the Personnel Committee.

Chance to get services of an additional person without added salary burden; though we would have to accept a contingency of up to two thousand dollars of travel expense.

Ben Segal, in Washington, is trade union consultant to the Fund for the Republic. Has an office there, and a small budget. Puts in many helpful actions. The labor people are preparing some goodish effort to improve the climate of Southern opinion. Partly in that connection Segal sees and says that it would be useful if SRC had somebody particularly experienced in labor matters. I suppose that heretofore I, Mitchell, have covered that field as best I could. But beginning not sooner than January 1 we all think it would be good if we had a man. Man is available, in the person of Emory Via. Virginia born, son to a Methodist minister, married to a Macon, Georgia girl (just down with Polio this September, and now at Warm Springs swimming) good college training. Taught for several years under Frank McCallister in the now-defunct Georgia Workers Education Service. Now, or until his wife came down, teaching at Roosevelt University, in Chicago, and pushing a doctorate at the University of Chicago. Quaker. Wife a Quaker. At the moment travelling in North Carolina on some fact-finding program for the Jewish Labor Committee. Age about 30.

Segal offers to pay Via's salary for nine months beginning about January 1, 1957, if SRC would accept the possibility of having to pay Via's travel if Segal cannot raise the travel from certain sources from whom he is asking it.

Harold and I are in agreement that this is a wise offer to accept.

Mr. Marion A. Wright November 30, 1956

We do not ask the Personnel Committee to give the matter any formal approval. By present rules as no new salary committment is involved there may be latitude there. But we are at pains to give you both the full story, and to say that on the least expression of discontent we would reconsider.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell
Executive Director

GSM:mbo
CC: Mr. Rufus Clement

November 30, 1956

Abbey Hotel
West 51st Street
New York, New York

Dear The Abbey:

I would be most grateful for a room at minimum rate for the nights of December 11th and 12th.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:fc

November 30, 1956

Mr. Dave Freeman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Dave:

I am going to be in New York for a spot of teaching for the ILGWU December 11th and 12th. As heretofore I willcall to see if anybody has time for a brief visit from me.

Have asked the Abbey Hotel for a room and expect I will get it.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:fc

November 30, 1956

Mr. Jack Sessions, Acting Director
ILGWU Training Institute
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Jack:

All's right and I will show. I ride up dawning day coach Tuesday, Dec. 11. Due in at some outlying New York airport 9:15 a.x., and I will be at your office somewhat before 1 p.m. that day. Equable about anything you do for that night and will be on hand on Dec. 12th 9 a.x. and 1 p.x.

Have written to the Abbey Hotel to ask them for a spot.

I am grateful to you.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:fc

P.S. Every remotest friend of mine enjoys the tale about the sheriff at Appomattox.

November 30, 1956

Mr. Gordon B. Hancock
P. O. Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hancock:

I declare that is a pity all around. The whole Board would have been so delighted to have seen you; and you would have enjoyed their company.

They had a good tight squabble in the afternoon meeting on the 14th. And one member pushed them to meet that night. They had not long been assembled that night before they began to whiff the possibility of adjournment for good and all. And they drove on through for it and made it. This was at the cost of a number of things. It had a result disappointing to not a few that there was no time during the meeting when the pressure was off and that assemblage of thoughtful southerners could ~~not have~~ put its mind collectively on the processes of change. I mean they just wanted to swap experiences and they got no chance. The man Jimmy Stewart, all the way from Oklahoma City, complained that he had come hoping to hear some general discussions and mainly he had been asked to vote. And now we learn that the other tragedy was that we lost a visit from you.

That was kind of you to crank up and come, and we are deeply grateful.

I would like it if you would get the green blank filled in; your expense in coming was legitimate and right and we should cover it.

When I examine my inner-most motives for moving along now, I think they are more protective of the Council and its program than otherwise. Fortunately, the Executive Committee, and at Williamsburg

the Board, fastened upon Harold Fleming. The staff is delighted, and he will do a better job than I did. We are different, but his is the right temper and quality for this period. And I rather think that foundations will shade things his way.

Provided my house here sells aright, I shall have for the ten years until I am pensionable, a thousand pounds a year. I would starve on that anywhere in the United States. But they tell me that in the highlands of Scotland I will be the richest man about except the Doctor. I can earn up to $400 a year extra without getting ground in the British tax machine. To that small end I will open a two-unit motel where all my U.S. friends are please to come. Most emphatically that includes you and Mrs. Hancock if you get over; and your friends and Virginia Union's friends to the remotest. And each year after I have made my $400 the motel will be free!

Alice and I promise ourselves a leisurely journey by car from Atlanta to New York for a boat that sails March 8th. So it's more than likely that along about March 3 you will find two Mitchells and a funny ford in front of your door on Barton Avenue.

Devotedly,

George S. Mitchell

GSM:fc
Encl.

November 30, 1956

Miss Margaret McCullough
Integration Service Bulletin
835 Walker Avenue
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Miss McCullough:

Thank you for mentioning New South in the October 22, 1956 Integration Service Bulletin. We do appreciate the publicity and will probably benefit greatly from it. However, I would like to point out that the subscription rate for New South is $2.00 per year instead of the $3.00 per year as reported. We would appreciate a correction of this in your future issues. Perhaps the $1.00 difference would bring in a few more subscriptions.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Managing Editor - New South

JC:mbo

November 30, 1956

Cosmos Club
2121 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington 6 or 7
D. C.

Dear the Club:

I would be most grateful for your kindness in holding for me an inexpensive room for the night of Friday, December 14, 1956.

Sincerely,

George S. Mitchell,
Executive Director

GSM:fc

November 30, 1956

Mr. Milton C. Vigo, Executive Director
Louisiana Council on Human Relations
303 Board of Trade Annex Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Milton:

Thanks for your recent letter and for the return of the film "Desegregation in Baltimore." We are sorry that you had difficulty in showing the film.

Yes you may have the film for use in January if you will let me know in the near future the exact date you would want it. In the Meantime, we will try to have the film straightened out so there will be no difficulty in the future.

Come see us sometime.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Information Service

JC:mbo